

Two Accused Of Gangsterism

Two alleged members of a bandit gang which had been terrorising two villages in the border between December 18 and 20 last year, were charged before the Fujian Judge (Mr. Justice Williams) yesterday.

They were Wong Yee-cheung, aged 27, and Tang Yip alias Tang Kan-yip, aged 29; and the charges against them were demanding with intent to steal two to three piculs of unhusked rice from Cheung Tung-kwai; and possession of short firearms.

Both denied the charge, and neither was legally represented.

Shop-Keepers Fined

Fifteen shop-keepers were summoned before the Justices of the Peace court at Central, yesterday for breaches of Price Control regulations.

Ten were fined ranging from \$30 to \$200, for selling provisions, over the controlled price and for having no price tags.

They were: Hon Shing, of 103, Queen's Road, East, Lin Lee, of 91, Hennessy Road, Wo Sang, of 2, Tsang Tsung Street, Tai Lee Hong, of 40, Queen's Road, East, Tai Yuen, situated at the gate door at 312, Lockhart Road, Sun Yuen, of 131, Main Street, East, Man Sang, of 10, Queen's Road, East, Shun Fung Hong, of 13, Queen Victoria Street, Kee Hing Yuen, of 65, Queen's Road, Central and Yuen Cheung of 172, Hollywood Road.

For over-charging, Shing Cheung Provision Store, of 33, Shing Wo Road, Hongkong Store, of 307, Lockhart Road and Chun Cheung, of 165, Hollywood Road were fined \$75, \$25 and \$50, respectively.

S. Chang, of the Chuen Tai Company and Lau Cheung, of Cheung Leung Store were reprimanded for a week.

Mr. J. H. G. Pittman of the S. T. and I. Department prosecuted.

WOMAN FINED \$2,000

Judgment was given by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday in the case in which Yuen Siu, an unemployed woman, 41 years old, was charged with possession of four packets of opium valued at \$2,200.

Finding defendant guilty, the magistrate fined her \$2,000 or six months in default and ordered that the opium be confiscated.

The case for the prosecution was that on information received by Revenue Inspector Millington with a party of Chinese Revenue officers raided No. 20, Centre Street, 2nd floor on January 25, 1942.

In the rear cubicle of the floor they found three packets of raw opium concealed in a cavity between two halves of a brick. Another packet was found hidden in a hollow portion of the partition caused by the sliding door of the rear cubicle.

Two women, including defendant, were found on the floor at the time of the raid. Defendant was arrested and subsequently charged.

Mr. A. El Arculli, counsel for the defence, submitted that Mr. Millington's knowledge of Chinese, though good, still leaves room for misunderstanding of the defendant's alleged admissions after the arrest were the results of questions put to her and were inadmissible, being in violation of the Judges' Rules.

Defendant giving her defence in the witness box stated that she was a visitor, having arrived at the premises from the country the day before the incident. This, she said, was corroborated by the deceased principal tenant's wife and Yuen Sze, the occupant of one of the back spaces on the floor.

She maintained that her younger brother and his wife occupied the rear cubicle. This was also corroborated. Both these people, she said, had not been seen or heard of since her arrest. She denied having made the alleged admissions that she was the owner of the opium found, and that she was the occupant of the rear cubicle.

Case Of Allen Registration

After another successful admission yesterday by Mr. Griffiths on behalf of Samuel Wirt High, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA, Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday dismissed the charge of failing to report to the Immigration Authority within 48 hours after his arrival.

High was originally charged with failing to furnish particulars to the Registrar of Aliens, to report to the Immigration Authority within 48 hours and to report change of address.

The charge on failing to report change of address was withdrawn by Inspector Jones at the previous hearing when Mr. Griffiths made a submission, saying that defendant had never stayed at the address given to the police upon defendant's arrival.

The charge of failing to furnish particulars to the Registrar of Aliens will be heard on May 10.

HMS Belfast Leaves Colony For Woonung

HMS Belfast left Hong Kong for Woonung at 2 p.m. on Tuesday. It was officially stated yesterday. Belfast is due to arrive off the Yangtze this morning.

Belfast was ordered to Woonung by Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station.

Admiral Madden will transfer from HMS London to HMS Belfast with his staff.

Forgery Alleged In Cemetery Burial Papers

Hearing began yesterday at Central on the alleged forgery of a burial certificate by Clementino Maria Almaria, aged 68, sexton of the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley.

Margaret Tse, 51, married woman, was charged with aiding and abetting Almaria in the offence.

Both defendants were represented by Mr. A. El Arculli.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Detective Inspector Saul said that about three years ago, Father Gramma, in charge of the Roman Catholic cemetery at Happy Valley, became suspicious that non-Catholics were being buried there.

As a preventive measure, the Father introduced a system whereby printed forms would be kept at St. Paul's Hospital and at the Italian Convent, China Road.

In the event of a death occurring at either of the above institutions, forms would be filled in by a priest or a sister.

Only For Catholics

The printed forms were, Inspector Saul continued, addressed to the Inspector of Cemetery and are only for deceased Catholics.

These forms would then be taken to the undertaker by the signee or his or her representative.

The undertaker would then turn hand it to the sexton of the Cemetery before the funeral.

The sexton would then enter particulars on the form in the Register of deaths, kept at the Cemetery office, and also in his own loose record sheet.

All these would be checked by Father Gramma at the end of each month and if he was satisfied the forms were they buried.

Inspector Saul said that on February 10, 1942, Father Feroldi acting on information, went to the sexton's office at the Cemetery and took possession of a few burial forms apparently signed by Sister Ambrose of St. Paul's Hospital.

He took one form dated February 6, 1942 to Sister Ambrose at the hospital, and she stated that the signature was not hers.

On the day in question, she said, she was ill in bed. She then gave Father Feroldi a blank form bearing her specimen signature.

Prosecuting counsel stated that there was a difference in paper and colour between the form used by Sister Ambrose and alleged forged one.

Corroborative evidence was given by Sister Ambrose at yesterday's hearing.

The case will be continued today.

CONTRABAND CARGO SEIZED

A considerable amount of contraband cargo was seized by the Revenue Department yesterday.

Some 172 bundles of general merchandise were found on board the ss. Changtze just before she left for Japan. The goods were not on the ship's manifest.

The goods were valued at HK\$175,000.

RECEPTION FOR NEHRU

India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, will be given a state reception in the Swiss capital when he passes through Switzerland on his way to the United Nations Conference in London, the Swiss Government announced yesterday. Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB will present "TWELFTH NIGHT" by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE on THUR. 28th APRIL at 7.15 P.M. (for schools only) FRI. 29th " " " 9.00 P.M. SAT. 30th " " " 9.00 P.M. at the CHINA FLEET CLUB THEATRE

PRICES OF ADMISSION: BALCONY \$8, \$10, \$12, \$14, \$16, \$18, \$20, \$22, \$24, \$26, \$28, \$30, \$32, \$34, \$36, \$38, \$40, \$42, \$44, \$46, \$48, \$50, \$52, \$54, \$56, \$58, \$60, \$62, \$64, \$66, \$68, \$70, \$72, \$74, \$76, \$78, \$80, \$82, \$84, \$86, \$88, \$90, \$92, \$94, \$96, \$98, \$100. SEATS MAY BE BOOKED AT THE TSANG FOOK PIANO CO., 19 QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. Between 10.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. AND AT THE BOX OFFICE, CHINA FLEET CLUB THEATRE 30 Mins. BEFORE THE SHOW. A special ferry will run from Pong-tse Pier to the Theatre at 8.45 p.m. on Thur. and Fri. 28th and 29th April and at 8.25 p.m. on Sat. 30th April, returning at 10.15 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. respectively. Fare for return journey HK\$1.00.

Personalia

Miss E. B. Cheek, Messrs. T. E. Peng, G. Anand, M. Bevan, Jagdish and Antonio Papa arrived in the Colony yesterday from Singapore and Bangkok by CPA.

Messrs. Roy Farrell, Adriano G. and Eduardo Oja L'm Hong left for Manila yesterday by CPA.

Four architectural students from the Far East are among the international delegates who have arrived in London for a Conference which opened on Tuesday. They include an Indo-Chinese, who is studying in Paris, and three Chinese students studying architecture in England. They are Mr. Li Shun, Miss T. Y. Wu and Mr. T. G. Hsu.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. T. Wei, Dr. and Mrs. A. Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Simmle, Mr. and Mrs. G. Drummond, Messrs. C. J. B. Terry, B. Mitchell, W. Black, P. F. Newman, A. W. Hamilton Brown, R. T. W. Stul, F. Purdes, C. Harvey, D. B. Horner, and S. G. Kiang, were among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith, Mrs. R. G. Smith, Captain and Mrs. J. S. Webb, Messrs. D. A. Evans, E. L. Robinson, J. D. Morton, S. E. Stirling, M. H. Reveler, D. C. Van Tol, G. L. Smith, J. P. Windlow, and A. Lyman.

Arrivals from Canton by the ss. Patsan yesterday included Mr. A. G. Belcher, the Reverend Mr. W. M. Blackstone, Mr. Jas. A. Herring, Miss Dora Dykstra, Dr. Wm. C. Wallace, Mr. J. J. Weir, Mr. M. A. de Roo, Van Alderwerelt, Mr. J. Calvet de Magalhães, Dr. T. A. Clippel, the Rev. Mr. A. M. Tanguerans and Mrs. Fanny G. Tanguerans.

The forthcoming wedding of Victor de Oliveira Matos, Berk. Nham Chi Wan, and Angela Maria Remedios, 25 Austin Avenue, has been announced.

Mr. B. J. Taihot, Northwest Airlines Manager for Manila, arrived here yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Taihot is preceding home in leave by way of Europe.

Mr. Charles Dewing, Public Relations Consultant to the Korean Government, arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Shanghai.

Judge George Malcolm, a well-known figure in the Philippine Islands and elsewhere, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by a Pan American plane from Manila.

Judge Malcolm will spend four or five days here before continuing on his way back to America by way of Europe.

Book Keeping Examination

The London Chamber of Commerce Book Keeping Examination will be held at St. Joseph's College on the following dates:

Higher Stage: May 6; 2 to 5 p.m. Certificate Stage: May 10; 2 to 5 p.m. Elementary Stage: May 12; 5 to 6 p.m.

Candidates who have entered for the examination may apply to the Education Office for their admission ticket.

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Work Of Fanling Babies' Home Told

"We hope that some of the children of the Fanling Babies' Home will some day respond to the call for Christian teachers and nurses for their own country—the great land of China to be truly tried and torn asunder by strife and war."

The foregoing was said by Mr. Hugh Bragg, Chairman of the Field Advisory Committee of the Fanling Babies' Home, in a speech at its annual meeting held at St. Andrew's Church yesterday.

He said, "It is our fervent prayer that the Home may contribute, in a small measure, to the spreading of the gospel of peace which can be obtained only through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Continuing, Mr. Bragg said that the Fanling Babies' Home is not just an orphanage, but is actually a home. Miss Mildred E. Dibden, founder of the Home, is not only in name, but also in fact "mother" to the children, he added.

Happy Faces

This is the secret, he added, why every visitor to the Home is received with a spontaneous welcome by every child and all who have been there have remarked on the cheerful happy faces with which they have been greeted.

Explaining the finances of the Babies' Home, Mr. Bragg said "Our biggest single source of income is from China's Children Fund. This great American organization, which exists solely for the purpose of caring for orphans, not only supports nearly half of the total number of children in the Home but also owns the property which now houses the children which is thus free of rent."

"The method of support by China's Children Fund is interesting. The organization finds someone, or a group of persons, who is willing to support a child. Direct contact is made with an orphanage and the sponsor knows the actual child for whom he provides in the case of the Fanling Babies' Home 58 of the children are supported in this way through China's Children Fund."

The Chairman emphasised that Miss Dibden made no appeals for funds for the Home. "We are grateful to all those who have given, either in money or in kind towards the support of the children."

Older Children

Mr. Bragg said that they are hoping to begin shortly on preparing certain buildings for older children. "As the Home has been functioning for nearly 13 years" he added, "it is time for these children to be separated from the babies."

"We trust that by next year schooling for the older ones will be possible under better conditions than we are able to give them now."

Relating the story as to how the Home was founded, Mr. Bragg said that as nobody felt competent to undertake the job of taking care of unwanted Chinese babies, Miss Mildred Dibden who had lived in Hong Kong answered the call.

She returned to Hong Kong from England to open a Babies' Home on November 11, 1930. The Home occupied a flat at the rear of Catherine Building and as the number of babies increased complaints were received from the residents in the vicinity.

In fact, if any baby found in the locality cried, the newly founded Babies' Home was invariably blamed for it.

As the premises soon became overcrowded, Dr. Lechmere Cull, President of the Home, and his wife offered the use of their lovely cottage in Cheung Chow. Here, single-handed, Miss Dibden carried on the public work. After many vicissitudes the Home was moved to its present location at Fanling in 1940.

They are now in the Home 121 children, 24 of whom were admitted during 1940.

Money Talks Anywhere

As usual in China—as anywhere else in the world—money talks.

One passenger who arrived in Hong Kong from Shanghai by air yesterday paid six gold bars for a seat on the plane.

The single fare was equivalent to HK\$2,500.

He said yesterday at Kai Tak that if he did not have the gold bars he would not have got a seat. He had been told that the plane was fully booked. Production of the six gold bars, however, found him a seat.

ILLEGAL STRIKE AND LOCK-OUT BILL NOW LAW

The Illegal Strikes and lock-out Ordinance 1940 was passed into law yesterday by Legislative Council without amendment.

The Bill, which came up for first reading a fortnight ago, bans strikes and lock-outs motivated by political objectives.

Other bills enacted yesterday were:

An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the District Watch Force.

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance 1914.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the President in Hong Kong of the China Periodical Missionary Society.

An Ordinance to authorise the making of by-laws by the North Point Wharves Limited.

Up for first reading was the Zeland Hall Trustees Incorporation (Amendment) Ordinance 1940, which amends the principal ordinance of 1922.

The object of the amendment is to extend the number of lodges that may be admitted and to bring into the Corporation the representatives of these other lodges.

The motion, moved by Mr. D. F. Laidlaw and seconded by Mr. T. N. Chau, was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Blaker was sworn in as a member of Council yesterday, as acting member for the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce in place of Mr. P. S. Cassidy on leave.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 12 OF 1949

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the Hire of R.C.L.S.", for the hire of one or more wood, ramped cargo lighters, will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, up till noon on Friday, May 6, 1949.

These vessels are flat-bottomed, dumb barges, 52' in length, 18' in breadth, and have a maximum draft of 3' while carrying a load of 36 tons deadweight.

The successful tenderer will be required to deposit with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$3,000 for each vessel hired, against loss or serious damage.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a deposit receipt, showing that they have deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$500, as a pledge of the bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government by any successful tenderer, failing or refusing to implement his tender. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Forms of tender, further particulars and the conditions of hire may be obtained from the Superintendent Engineer, Government Slipway, Yau-mat.

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N. GARLAND,

Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 25, 1949.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 12 OF 1949.

WESTERN APPROACHES TO HONG KONG

MA WAN LIGHT

Position.—Lat. 22° 21' 05" N., Long. 114° 03' 04" E.

Details.—As from May 5, 1949, the fixed red light on the Western extremity of Ma Wan Island will be replaced by an unwatched and unclassified red flashing light, the characteristics of which are half second flash, two and a half seconds eclipse. The visibility is six miles.

Remarks.—The light is exhibited from a grey painted pillar with a white hut at the foot. The height of the light above H.W. is 50 feet.

Charts affected.—3032, 3028, 1180.

Authority.—Director of Marine.

N. GARLAND, Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 13 OF 1949.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 1939. TABLE E. REGULATION 49.

During the months of May to October inclusive, no launch, ferry vessel or motor boat shall lie or anchor or be under way in Repulse Bay, including those parts of the bay known as Middle Bay and South Bay, to the northward or eastward of a line drawn from the most easterly point of the island west of Repulse Bay (known as Tung Po Chau Island or Middle Island) to the red buoy moored off the foreshore of Repulse Bay and thence to the western extremity of the point dividing South Bay from West Bay (known as Chung Am Wan) in the immediate vicinity of which are two small islands.

This regulation shall not prevent launches, ferry vessels or motor boats from approaching the shore for such time as may be required for embarking or disembarking passengers as expeditiously as possible.

N. GARLAND, Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 14 OF 1949.

PRIVATE YACHTS & OTHER VESSELS USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PLEASURE

Owners of private yachts and other vessels used solely for the purposes of pleasure should at all times ensure that they have on board efficient life saving appliances for the total number of persons carried.

The general public are advised that persons who accept invitations for trips and excursions should satisfy themselves that there are sufficient life-saving appliances on board the vessel, and they should clearly understand that when embarking in a vessel for the purpose of pleasure they are doing so at their own risk.

N. GARLAND, Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 5th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th May, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shaan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 28th April, 1949.

By Order, D. L. PROPHET, Actg. Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 20th day of May, 1949, at Noon for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:—

"That the following shall be substituted for Clause 95 in the Articles of Association of the Company:—

"Each Director of the Company shall be paid out of the funds of the Company remuneration for his services at the rate of \$2,500.00 per annum and such further sums as the Company in General Meeting may from time to time determine."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at No. 27, Chung Shan Road, E.I., Shanghai, on Friday, May 20, 1949, at 4 p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948, to declare a final dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register will be closed from May 9 to 20, 1949, both days inclusive.

Proxies will be received at the offices of the General Agents in Shanghai up to, but not later than forty eight (48) hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

Shanghai, April 22, 1949.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Building, Hongkong, on Friday, 20th May, 1949, at 11.30 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts, to declare a dividend and to transact the ordinary business of the Society.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 28th APRIL to 20th MAY, both days inclusive.

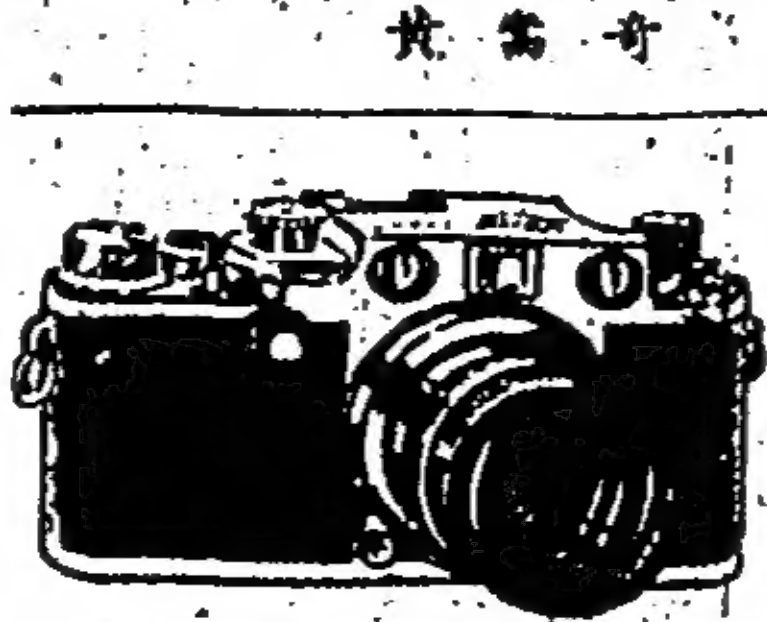
By Order of the Board, A. W. HUGHES, General Manager.

Hong Kong, April 20, 1949.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 12th day of May, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1949.

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Besides his feelings about the matter, South also knew East as a timid soul, who considered his partner a better player than himself. East had bid No Trumps only once and had supported West's clubs on his own second turn. So it occurred to South that a double of the 3-No Trumps might make East escape into clubs, a contract in which extra tricks probably would be out of the question since North had enough strength for an overcall. The double worked like a charm. It did scare East into fleeing to 5-Clubs. The contract not made, with the loss of two tricks to North's ace, but extras were out of the question. Most other East-West pairs played the deal at 3-No Trumps and all made one or two extra tricks, which East also could have made, without exercising any skill at all.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 8 6 H A 8 7 5 3 D J 10 7 C A K J

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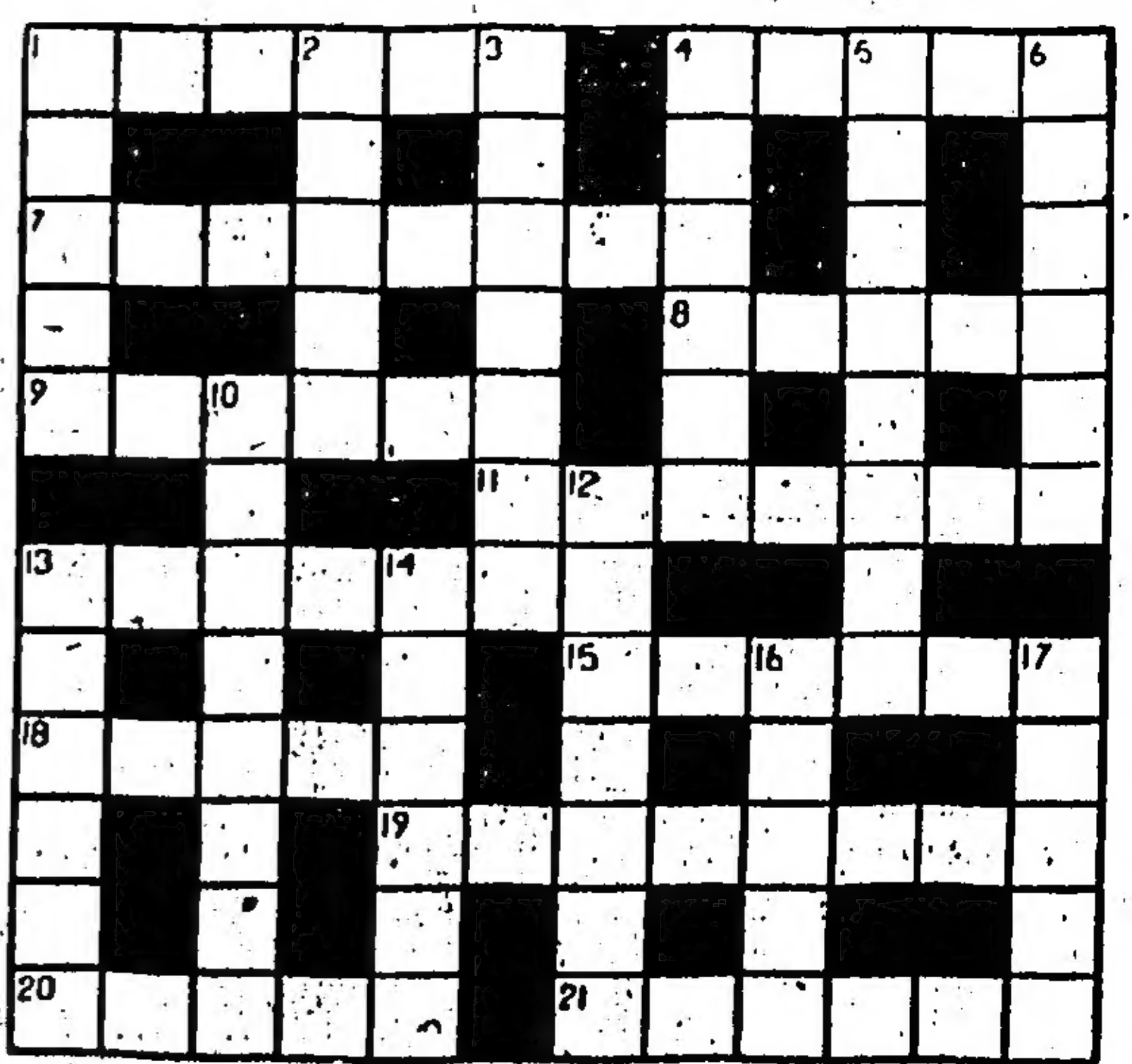
(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).

As the bidding went, South felt that East would make his 3-No Trumps easily, probably with one or more extra tricks, which would give him a fine score in the match-point tournament. That would, of course, mean a bad score for North and South.

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable).

If West bids 1-Diamond, North 1-Heart, East 1-No Trump, South 2-Hearts and West 3-No Trumps, what logic should tell South the right lead?

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1 Tumbler. 10 Insultation. 2 Lash. 12 Interfered. 3 Stammer. 13 Slaye. 4 Savage. 14 False. 5 Dig. 16 Enthusiasm. 6 Fated. 17 Royal line.

Yesterday's Crossword ACROSS—1 Sack, 4 Dastard, 6 Eyed, 9 Pak, 10 Bouncer, 11 Near, 12 Scro, 14 Repose, 17 Adult, 19 Carat, 22 Shelter, 26 Moto, 27 Pile, 28 Bungled, 29 Nest, 30 Aged, 31 Migrate, 32 Bend. DOWN—2 Abated, 3 Kernel, 4 Debar, 5 Adored, 6 Targ, 7 Reeve, 12 Saps, 13 Ruse, 15 Sure, 16 Site, 18 Repeat, 20 Amends, 21 Attain, 23 Hourly, 24 Lager, 25 Ridge.

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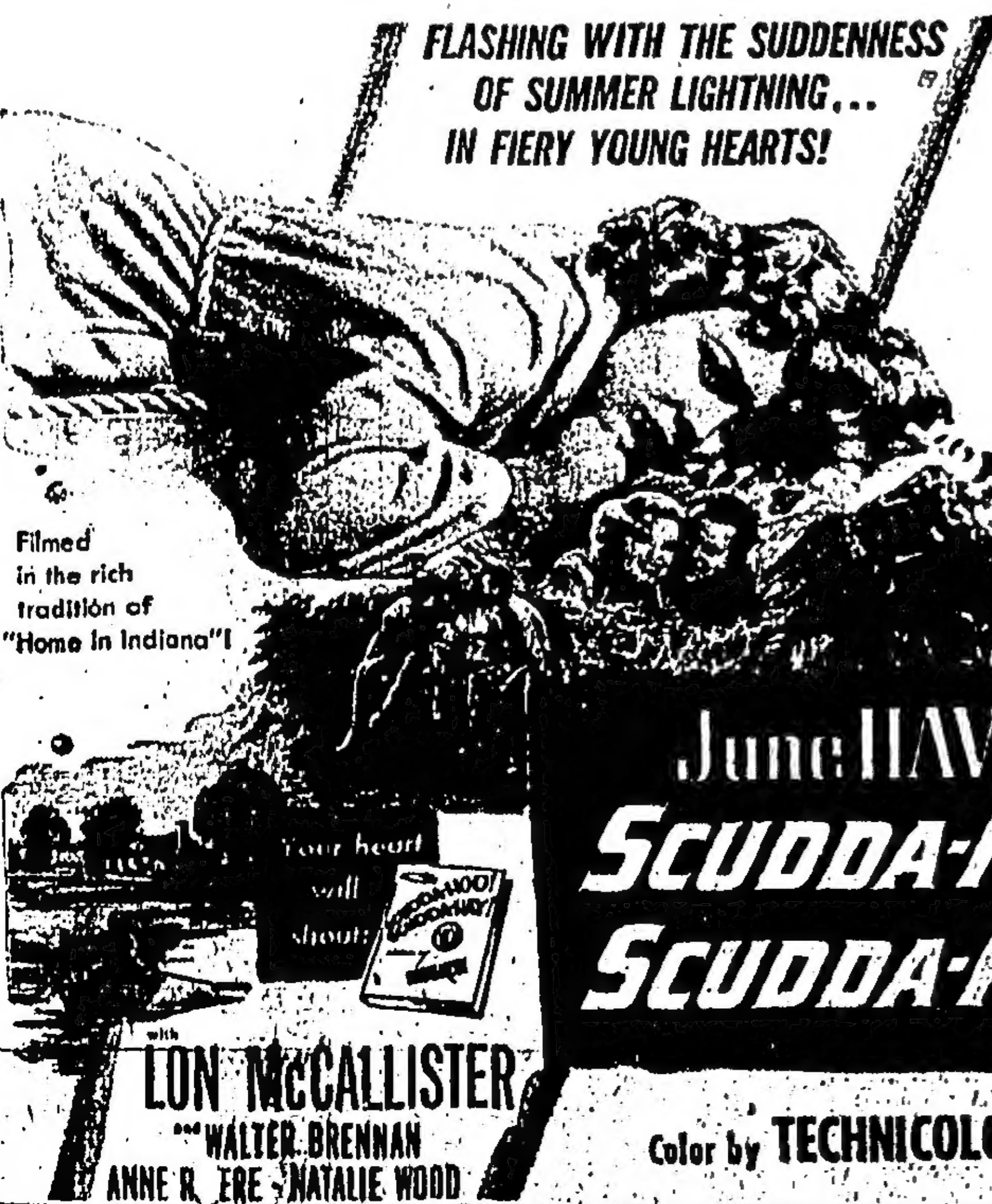


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QUICK ACTION WANTED ON ITALIAN COLONIES

Independence For Libya Demanded

Lake Success, April 27.
In a press statement, Man-
four Kaddara, Secretary-
General of the National
Council for the Liberation of
Libya, demanded full inde-
pendence for all Libya.
He said: "We will resist
with all the means at our
disposal any settlement which
does not recognize the unity
of our country and our sacred
rights to a free, peaceful and
dignified life."
"An independent Libya is
indeed the only solution
which would conform to the
principles of the charter of
the United Nations and the
provisions of the Italian
peace treaty." — Associated
Press.

Prisoners' Anti-Bao Outburst

Saigon, April 26.
The noise of shouting and slat-
ing, heard from outside the Sal-
gon Central Prison today, is un-
derstood to be a demonstration by
Vietnam (the Indo-Chinese au-
tonomy movement) political
prisoners against the return to Indo-
China of the ex-Emperor of An-
nam, Bao Dai.

Bao Dai is head of the new Viet-
nam State, envisaged in his March
8 agreement with the French
Government.

The demonstration lasted two
hours.
A delegation headed by Gen-
eral Nguyen Van Xuan, head of
the Provisional Central Govern-
ment of Vietnam, left Saigon to-
day for Singapore to meet Bao
Dai.

Bao Dai left Cannes by air on
Sunday for Indochina, where he
is expected to become head of the
new State of Vietnam. The de-
legation will accompany him to
Dahat, in Southern Annam.

The delegation include M. Tran
Van Huu, President of the Provi-
sional Government of South Viet-
nam, and M. Huy Phien Hai, Presi-
dent of the Territorial Assem-
bly of Cochinchina, which re-
cently voted for Cochinchina's
inclusion in Vietnam. — Reuter.

MAKING WILLS HER HOBBY

Edinburgh, April 26.
Incomplete or unsigned wills
were found after the death of
Miss Annie Moon, of Fifeshire,
Scotland, in 1945, the Court of
Session here was told today. She
left £51,000.

Miss Moon, described as a lady
with a hobby of making wills,
was found by the Court to have
made a valid will in 1941. —
Reuter.

Lake Success, April 27.
Britain is reported to be ready to seek separate United Nations action on Cyrenaica if the General Assembly is unable at its present session to decide on the disposition of Italy's pre-war colonies.

A British spokesman told reporters that there still appears to be no agreement on a solution to the problem as a whole, and a postponement until the session in the Autumn may be the only course open.

He said, however, that Britain still hopes to get action now on the United Nations proposal that Cyrenaica be placed under a UN trusteeship system under British administration.

Other former colonies involved in the debate before the Assem-
bly's Political Committee are
Italian Somaliland, Eritrea and
other parts of Libya, Tripolitania
and Fezzan.

Eric Louw, of South Africa said
it had been shown in the de-
bate that some countries want to
"punish the new Italy" for the
old.

Said he: "This is a spirit of
vengeance not in accord with the
spirit of the United Nations."
He called for a quick settle-
ment of the problem, saying:
"The effect on the colonies and
on Italy itself may be very seri-
ous."

Syrian Warning

South Africa favoured giving
Ethiopia an outlet to the Red
Sea through Eritrea and trust-
ships for Britain in Cyrenaica,
France in the Fezzan and Italy
in Tripolitania and Somaliland.

He said there was in a large
measure agreement on the dis-
posal of all the colonies except
Tripolitania and Eritrea.

Rafik Asha, the Syrian dele-
gate, opposed the return of
any colonies to Italy, con-
tending that the burden would
be too heavy and the cost too
great for Italy to bear.

He maintained that the inhabi-
tants are unanimous in one thing
— they fear a return to Italian
rule.

The Syrian said: "We have
heard representatives of the
people say they will resist a
return to Italy. Do you think
the Arabs will stand by while Italian
warships sail down the Suez
Canal? Will the United States
stand aside and see dollars given
to Italy used in crushing resis-
tance?"

TRADES UNION'S POLICY

London, April 26.
The International Congress
of the Trades Union Congress
met today to draft a policy of
future international co-operation
for approval by the General
Council of the eight million-
strong movement tomorrow.

The long-term objective of this
policy will be a new international
trade union organisation in op-
position to the now Communist-
led World Federation of Trade
Unions.

The American Federation of
Labour, which has a consid-
erably smaller membership, is
understandably opposed to a new
organisation without delay, is
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The committee, it is sug-
gested, might agree for a
world conference to take place
later in the year. It seems
doubtful, however, whether the
policy to be formally adopted
by the TUC tomorrow will be
as far-reaching as this.
The discussions at the trade
union conferences since January
suggest that rank and file back-
ing for a new world organisation
will be granted. — Reuter.

HIROHITO GETTING A VERY BAD PRESS

Tokyo, April 27.

On the eve of Emperor Hirohito's birthday, General MacArthur's Headquarters today published an analysis of Japanese magazine articles which shows that Japan's once god-like ruler is getting the worst press since the surrender. Hirohito, who will be 48 on Friday, is becoming a target for increased criticism by both left and right wing intellectuals, the survey shows.

Japanese writers, university professors and scientists are ad-
vocating everything from out-
right abolition of the emperor
system to the Emperor's abdica-
tion for his war responsibility as
the best means of saving the
imperial institution.

The SCAP publication analysis
said: "Many of the attacks on
the Emperor and the Imperial
Institution come from known
Communist sources, but the ad-
vocates of abdication are by no
means limited to the Com-
munists. On the other hand, a
few pro-Emperor writers appear
in print."

The analysis attributes the ar-
ticles as reaction to the Tokyo
war crimes verdicts and the
execution of Hiroshi Tojo and
six of his co-defendants.
It added that openly ex-
pressed opposition to Hirohito
and the emperor system, how-
ever, does not offer concrete
evidence of any significant
shift in popular sentiment,
which in general has been
favourable.

Grave Mistake

Akira Nakamura, chairman of
the Hosen University law depart-
ment, in a magazine article states
that failure of the International
Military Tribunal to touch on
the Emperor's war responsibility
was a grave mistake.

A Tokyo University professor,
Kazuo Watanabe, writes that he
hopes Hirohito himself will take
the initiative in abolishing the
emperor system and thus make
himself the true object of national
veneration.

Meanwhile, the Imperial House-
hold Ministry pushed plans for
a Japanese "popularity" tour
by the Emperor in mid-May
which, the Communists say, is a
waste of the people's money. —
United Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—"From the Plaza."
1.00 p.m.—Music from Hawaii.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and
Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Orchestra of the Week"—
The New Light Symphony Orches-
tra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.05 p.m.—Children's Story: "Matilda
Mouse" by Dora Droume. (H.K.T.)
2.15 p.m.—"Matilda and Bill are Play-
ful!" Read by Wilfred Pickles.
2.30 p.m.—A Short Concert.
2.40 p.m.—"Down Beat Dance" Pre-
sented by Paul Stuart. (Studio)
2.50 p.m.—"La Demi-Heure Francese."
(Studio)
3.00 p.m.—World News and News An-
nals. (London Relay)
3.15 p.m.—"Laminar Flow of British"
Carnarvon Castle by E. Morgan
Humphreys. (H.K.T.)
3.30 p.m.—"ITMA" (H.K.T.)
3.40 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (Lon-
don Relay)
3.50 p.m.—London Commonwealth
Meeting (London Relay) A Talk by
Dr. Mahan, Prime Minister of the
Union of South Africa.
4.15 p.m.—"Zola's Debut" An Oxford
Love Story by Max Meerbeem.
4.30 p.m.—"Thursday Evening" A Pro-
gramme of Continuous Music.
(H.K.T.)
4.40 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London
Relay)
4.55 p.m.—Weather Report and Close
Down.

DUMPING OF JAP TEXTILES

Patterson, New Jersey, April 27.

A campaign to have Congress
place an embargo on Japanese
woven silks, rayons and labels
has been launched by a Com-
mittee of New Jersey textile man-
ufacturers.

The campaign is part of an
effort to eliminate what they de-
scribe as the ruinous competition
forced upon American industry
by the military occupation govern-
ment in Japan.

A Committee spokesman said
six months more of the occupa-
tion Government's practices in
dumping millions of yards of
woven Japanese textiles on the
American market will bring
about an almost complete collapse
of the textile industry in the
United States. — Associated Press.

RUSSIAN WHEAT FOR INDIA

New Delhi, April 26.

Russia will supply India with
200,000 tons of wheat and 20,000
tons of corn under the third Indo-
Russian trade agreement signed
on March 31. In exchange, India
will send Russia 20,000 tons of
raw jute and 7,000 tons of tea.
The first agreement was signed
between the two countries last
July and the second in February.
— Reuter.

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MOMENTOUS DECISIONS ON FUTURE SHAPE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Channel Tunnel Idea Revived

London, April 26. Members of Parliament from six countries, meeting in Paris, have decided unanimously to press Britain and France for a re-examination of the suggestion of a tunnel to connect Britain with the continent.

Mr. Michael Clark Hall, an official of the International Road Federation, who made the announcement at a news conference here on his return from Paris, added that the realization of the tunnel project is now within sight for the first time in 150 years.

—Reuter.

CHINESE WAR DEAD RETURN

Yokohama, April 26. The remains of 11 Chinese-American veterans of World War II will go aboard the American President Liner General Gordon on Friday for return to their final resting places in still war-torn China.

Escorted by an American army officer, two enlisted men and a WAC enlisted woman, the finger-dipped caskets will be taken to next of kin in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Canton and other Chinese cities unless the tide of war bars their entry.

The bodies of these Chinese-American veterans of various World War II theatres had been temporarily collected in the United States army cemetery at Yokohama.

The Eighth Army quarter-master section said today this will be the last mission of its kind ever carried out in the Far East Command. The trip will require 60 days.

The escort of honour includes Major George F. McGinn, Sergeant (1st Class) Una L. Parker, Sergeant (1st Class) John A. Blag and WAC Private (1st Class) Everett W. Gleanes.—United Press.—United Press.

Colour Bar Issue Raised In House

London, April 26. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, rejected a suggestion by Mr. Emrys Hughes, Labour, in the House of Commons today that he should discuss with the Dominion Prime Ministers during their visit to London the question of discrimination against coloured peoples.

When asked if he would do this, he replied briefly: No, sir.

Mr. Hughes asked if the Prime Minister is aware that "racial discrimination has become so bad in South Africa..." Here Lord Winterton, an Opposition Conservative, intervened to say that it had been constantly laid down by

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London, April 26. Momentous decisions enabling the future Republican India to remain in the Commonwealth as an equal partner with the other members were taken by the Dominion Prime Ministers in a secret session here late tonight.

The decisions will inaugurate a new era in Commonwealth relations.

Following this morning's two-hour meeting of the leaders, quarters close to several of the Commonwealth delegations said that there was a rapid approach to an agreement on a joint declaration proclaiming a free and equal association of all the member nations, including Republican India.

The leaders tonight gave final shape to a document which is expected to solve the unique constitutional problem with which they have been grappling for five days.

The solution proposed by the leaders is described as unexpected but real. It is understood to consist of a declaration affirming the desire of all the members, including India, to continue their association in the Commonwealth.

The declaration is believed to place on record India's decision to become a sovereign, independent Republic and her desire to continue her own membership of the Commonwealth on a basis of equality.

It is suggested that India—which, as a Republic, cannot accept the suzerainty of the King—will regard the King as "the symbol of free association" in the Commonwealth.

In the declaration, the Commonwealth nations other than India are expected to reaffirm their allegiance to the Crown, but, at the same time, to accept India as a full and equal member of the Commonwealth.

Crown Link
The declaration, on which the statesmen have already been working almost continuously for the past two days, may be modified in detail before it obtains final acceptance.

The Dominion statesmen, in their search for a solution, have had to balance the question of any change in the basis of the Commonwealth association with the deep attachment of the older Dominions to the Crown link.

They had also to bear in mind the special significance which a solution of India's problem might have for the other new Dominions—Pakistan and Ceylon—which have yet to frame their Constitutions.

South Africa has also a special interest in the issue. The Nationalist Party, in power, thinks it consistent for a Commonwealth to contain both Republics and Kingdoms.

All Commonwealth quarters say that the talks have been conducted throughout in an atmosphere of the greatest cordiality and mutual helpfulness.

The desire of all the Dominions to bring the conference to a successful conclusion is evident.

Vital Conference

They were the guests of honour at a parliamentary reception given by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Colonel Clifton Brown, at his official residence in the Palace of Westminster.

The function was attended by many Members of the Government, Opposition leaders and other distinguished Parliamentary figures.

The statesmen are dining with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and leading British Ministers at his official residence, No. 10, Downing Street, and are expected to move straight from the dining room to the conference table for their meeting, to start at 8.45 p.m. GMT.

The Prime Ministers have arranged to have a further meeting tomorrow morning, and it is possible that any decisions which may be taken tonight will not be known until then.—Reuter.

VOTE ON RUSSIAN WIVES

Lake Success, April 26. There were 11 abstentions when the General Assembly of the United Nations, by 39 votes to six, called upon Soviet Russia to withdraw its measures preventing Russian wives from joining their husbands abroad.

The USSR was also asked to report its action to the General Assembly by May 15, 1949.

Mr. Twarogin, the Soviet representative, made it clear that his country could not give serious consideration to such a "judicious proposal."

Ten Asiatic countries abstained from the vote. The other countries to abstain were South Africa—which, just at present, is particularly strong in defence of the principle of "internal jurisdiction."

Turkey and Ethiopia were absent.

The debate brought out that Soviet Russia is refusing exit visas to 1,000 Russian wives of United States, British, French or Canadian soldiers or representatives, and that 65 Soviet husbands and 850 Soviet wives of United States citizens are being refused exit permission.

The Soviet and Polish representatives hit back hard at the United States, Britain and Chile—sponsors of the resolution—and painted the "barbaric" conditions that exist in some of those countries so far as women are concerned.—Reuter.

Czech Consul Flees To West

Vienna, April 27. Dadrach Pokorny, First Consul of the Czechoslovak Legation in Vienna has fled to the West with his Austrian bride of two months, official Government sources said yesterday.

The Czech Legation refused to comment on the report, Jan Rohace, Press Attache, would say only: "I have not read the morning paper. I know nothing about it."

He would not deny the report. According to yesterday's Soester newspaper, "Arbeiter Zeitung," M. Pokorny was ordered to return to Prague about 10 days ago, but refused to go. His present whereabouts are not known.—Associated Press.

Israeli-Syrian Border, April 26.
The Israeli-Syrian armistice talks here have reached deadlock, an Israeli spokesman said today, after five hours' inconclusive meeting.—Reuter.



Refugees from Shanghai—an amah and a small boy—drop off to sleep on a bench at Kai Tak after a plane trip from the Northern city. ("China Mail" photo).

MP Wants Singapore In The Malaya Federation

London, April 26. Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative MP, today called for the inclusion of Singapore in the Malayan Federation.

In a letter in the "Times," Mr. Fletcher wrote: "It will not be long before the Chinese in Malaya, who already feel that under the Federation the scale has been tipped unfairly against them, become the senior partners."

Ten years ago, there was little racial feeling, he said, but now it runs high.

Today's delicate balance in Malaya is therefore liable to violent upsets, particularly if the Malays, fearing that their new political power is no final answer to their problems, call in the new Malay power of the Netherlands East Indies to redress the balance of the old in the Federation," Mr. Fletcher continued.

Declaring that the economic situation is disquieting, Mr. Fletcher says: "Singapore, the great entrepot of the Far East, is under triple attack. Continued chaos in the Netherlands East Indies means that that region may suddenly be cut off as a market, as has happened recently."

"The Supreme Command of the Allied Force (Japan) has also shown a desire to bypass Singapore through direct arrangements with the Netherlands East Indies and other Far Eastern countries."

War Damage
"Finally, an economic treaty between the United Kingdom and Holland, acting for the Netherlands East Indies, has recently been concluded without, I believe, any consultation with the local authorities."

Mr. Fletcher also emphasised that unfair competition, mainly Dutch, which diverted gold dollars from the Empire and the financial insecurity of Malaya is due to the failure to settle war damage claims.

"Singapore's decline will be accompanied by the gradual migration to the mainland of some of its six or seven hundred thousand Chinese."

"The Federation would then have to deal with another discontented and potentially dangerous element."

Unity Needed
"To assure a truly united Malaya, including Singapore and the consequent inflow of vitally needed new capital, economic treaties and arrangements affecting the area should be preceded by proper consideration for Malayan interests, claims settled and the police reinforced."

SFORZA IN PARIS
Paris, April 26. The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, today received Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, at the French Foreign Office.

Count Sforza is passing through France on his way home from signing the Atlantic Pact in Washington. After meeting M. Schuman, Count Sforza told the press: "We had a full and friendly exchange of views on colonial problems, on the constitution of the council of Europe, which will be discussed in London by the Big Three, also on all the problems uniting us and not those which separate us—because there are none."—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP'S DENIAL
Prague, April 26. A spokesman for Dr. Josef Berar, Archbishop of Prague, today denied a report that in a message to his flock recently the Archbishop expressed the belief that he would shortly be denounced as "an enemy of the workers."

The spokesman described the Archbishop—who is the senior Roman Catholic churchman in Czechoslovakia—as a man of working class origins who has always been known as the workers' friend. The Archbishop himself is not in Prague.—Reuter.

"Weaknesses" In Marshall Plan

London, April 23. Addressing the Conference of European Liberal Parties in London today, the Swedish delegate, Professor Bertil Ohlin, leader of the Folkpartiet and a Member of the Riksdag, said he sees some weaknesses in the Marshall Plan.

He said: "The Marshall Plan helped to bridge the gap in the international field, but has not provided a sufficient stimulus to increased trade inside Western Europe."

"I feel it would be wise if a greater proportion of the Marshall aid were used to provide a monetary fund of gold and dollars which could be used only for the speeding up of trade inside Europe. This fund would not be at the disposal of States to pay for goods from America."

Professor Ohlin considers it a tragedy that the possibility of an organisation that is very far from an adaptation to a peace economy, the Marshall Plan, is being spread further.—Reuter.

MALAYA CAMPAIGN AWARDS

London, April 26. Acting Group Captain John Mortimer Warfield, Senior Air Staff Officer at Advanced Air Headquarters, Malaya, heads the list of awards for service with the Royal Air Force in Malaya from June 1 to November 30, 1948, approved by the King and announced today.

He has been elevated to the Commander Class of the Order of the British Empire, which he received in 1946.

Other awards are: Order of the British Empire, Officer Class: Wing Commander Henry Neil George Wheeler, DSO, DFC, Commander of the Royal Air Force Station at Kuala Lumpur; Squadron Leader Allan George Hammond, in charge of administration of the Kuala Lumpur Station.

Distinguished Flying Cross: Flying Officer Ian Maurice Pedder, who has completed some 250 hours' flying since he arrived at the Kuala Lumpur Station in July, 1948.

British Empire Medal (Military Division): Flight Sergeant Edward Clark; Flight Sergeant Stephen Charles Leppard; Flight Sergeant Raymond Fr derick George Howard; Sergeant John McWaters.

A further 33 Mentions-in-Despatches are still to be published.—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP'S DENIAL

Prague, April 26. A spokesman for Dr. Josef Berar, Archbishop of Prague, today denied a report that in a message to his flock recently the Archbishop expressed the belief that he would shortly be denounced as "an enemy of the workers."

The spokesman described the Archbishop—who is the senior Roman Catholic churchman in Czechoslovakia—as a man of working class origins who has always been known as the workers' friend. The Archbishop himself is not in Prague.—Reuter.

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REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

It has taken a very long time for the Unofficial members of the Hong Kong Government to make any material proposals regarding the colony's hopes for democratic reorganisation of the ruling body. Sir Mark Young's scheme for a municipal council was sent to London two and a half years ago, and it has still not been possible to have a full dress debate here on Whitehall's reactions.

In anticipation of this, the senior Unofficial member, Mr. D. F. Landale, in Legislative Council yesterday gave notice of a basically different alternative motion: scrapping the Young proposals, and instead modifying the Legislative Council to have an Official membership of nine, including the Governor, and 11 Unofficial members "consisting partly of members elected by qualified residents of British nationality and partly of members nominated by the Governor. The Governor to have an original and casting vote and the usual reserve power."

This new plan, which has the support of all the Unofficials, will not be brought forward for six weeks, in order to give the public an opportunity of stating their views, these to be presented to Whitehall as soon as possible.

Mr. Landale was right when he stated that it has become increasingly evident that the citizens of Hong Kong do not consider the Young proposals the best means of giving them a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs, and that a much more effective means of achieving this object is fundamental modification of the constitution of the Legislative Council.

It is most probable that vocal groups such as the two Reform Clubs will agree with the principle of Mr. Landale's plan, but whether they will accept as ideal the skeleton details he supplies is quite another matter. If we read him correctly, when the Governor's casting vote is considered, the Unofficials would be in a majority of one, provided they were all able to attend meetings. It would only require one to be absent for at least a theoretical stalemate in voting to occur—assuming that the unnamed number of nominated members dared to go against authority. If it is intended to have a majority of Unofficials, why leave them such a small margin? To make the thing at all workable on those lines, they should outnumber the Officials by about 50 per cent.

Also, as we have implied, nominated members should be sufficiently few to avoid swamping elected representatives of the people, otherwise the whole thing becomes a farce, and even a token degree of self-government will again be denied the people who have waited for it for so long.

If anyone thinks this is going too far along the utopian road of freedom, it is pointed out that Mr. Landale suggests the Governor retain "the usual reserve power." This of course means that if elected members tried, by virtue of their majority, to impose on the colony something, shall we say, basically anti-British, the Governor may, on his own authority reject the entire scheme and refuse to let it be tabled.

This may not sound demo-

HOW THE WEST CAN HIT BACK

By R. BROOMAN-WHITE

Rescuing Italy's Problem Children

By ROBERT SHEARER

Railway stations, shopping centres and hotels in all big Italian cities are still today—four years after the end of World War II—infested with youths snatching a living as best they can from the unsuspecting tourist.

"Shoeshiners" they used to be called by soldiers of the Allied armies as they crunched their way Northward through the peninsula. Today the name has gone, but the problem remains. No official Government source in Rome will put a figure on the number of boys who are living, one might say, beyond Society, but that there are many is a matter of experience to people who know such cities as Milan, Naples, Turin and Genoa.

Apart from this mysterious marginal fringe which probably runs into many thousands, both police and welfare authorities are strained to the limit to deal with the walfa, strays and delinquents who do come within their jurisdiction.

The most recent police raids, for example, carried out on the streets of Rome drew in 6,000 children who had been abandoned by their parents or had left home of their own accord to see what the lights of the big city have to offer.

Police authorities could offer no comparative figure for other major cities but admitted the total must be in the thousands. A fair percentage of these boys are taken home immediately by their parents as soon as it is learned they have been picked up by the police.

The rest of them are sent to institutions run under the supervision of the Ministry of the Interior, or are farmed out to private charitable organisations supported by funds from Switzerland, Sweden and the United States.

Boys' Villages

These foreign societies are already running eight boys' villages in various parts of Italy, the best known of which is some 60 miles North of Rome near Civitavecchia.

They are doing an immense amount of good work embracing in all several thousands homeless boys who are being taught a trade in pottery, making, carpentry, mechanics or shoe-making under the guidance of competent masters. For this group there is at least hope of a worthwhile future.

They are taught the lessons of self-government, they are taught that loyalty is better than guile, honesty than theft, work than idleness, tolerance than violence, liberty than licence, no mean achievement with boys who have known little but the atmosphere of the war years, when poverty and misery were aggravated by crisis and the roar of the guns.

The Ministry of the Interior cares for another 10,000 to 12,000. In any day of the year there are always a number of homeless boys and girls who are living under the supervision of the Government in private institutions.

Allowing for departures during the year, for those who return home or find a job, the Ministry looks after 15,000 to 18,000 children every year.

The Government provides funds for this work as do many private societies. The whole structure is well-meaning but lacks organisation. The problem of the moment is one of feeding and clothing the child rather than studying his educational requirements, which in any case will never be dealt with in anything but piecemeal fashion as long as one central Government control is lacking to co-ordinate the policy of villages, institutions and private agencies.

A Long Road

Italian welfare is at the beginning of a very long road. The food in the Government homes is not bad and at least a trade in furniture to whom I spoke in one place said, "Qui si mangia meglio che fuori," meaning "You eat here better than you do outside," which in some cases is, probably true.

The inmates have a couple of solid meals a day, which is more than can be said for every adult under the Italian Republic.

The wayward and socially dangerous boys are a class entirely apart from those that have been mentioned previously. They are the special preserve of the Ministry of Justice. The number for all Italy now being held in houses

cratic. It isn't, but even the most eager must remember that this is a colony, in difficult times, and that even a step forward towards self-government is much to be desired. The Landale proposals, if adopted wholly or partly, will mean another long wait while brains in the Colonial Office ponder the matter anew. Nevertheless, this is the best plan yet put forward by responsible sources, and provided certain modifications are made in it, there is no reason why the public should not support it.

The cold war develops—and this time on Western initiative, one of significance, although differing in kind, were the signing of the Atlantic Pact early this month, and the diplomatic protest by the Governments of Britain, the United States and the Dominions against the violation by the Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe of the human rights clauses in the peace treaties.

What connection, if any, is there between these two aspects of the cold war? We are building barriers against the further spread of Communism. Are we to crouch behind them and disown all responsibility for what happens to the unfortunate left on the wrong side?

Obviously not. If that had been our policy, we would not now be formally censuring Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania for their secret police, persecution of the Church, gagging of the Press, murder of political opponents, and other totalitarian abominations.

Retaliate

But we must face the fact that such protests, alone, are unlikely to abate by one turn of the screw the pressure that the Communists are now putting on the satellite peoples.

The ordinary rules of international conduct no longer apply. There is little realism in exchanging diplomatic notes and carrying on bureaucratic arguments at the back of the stage, while the Berlin blockade and guerrilla war in Greece are in the full glare of the footlights.

We are handicapping ourselves by trying to use Quakerly rules against an all-in wrestler. What more, then, can we do? It has been stressed repeatedly that the Atlantic Pact and Western Union are not instruments of aggression. On the contrary, they are aimed at keeping the peace.

But that does not mean we need remain torpidly on the defensive in the cold war. Retaliation is not aggression. The Communists are doing everything in their power to undermine Western democracy; anything we can do to weaken the Communist grip on the satellite countries will, in the long run, be a safeguard, not a danger.

What nonsense it is, for example, for Mr. Harold Wilson to proclaim in the House of Commons that our trade relations with the Communist area must be guided by economic considerations alone—presumably leaving the cold war out of account.

Surely the first question to be asked in considering any commercial deal with the satellites is whether or not directly or indirectly, the deal would aid Communist plans for the economic and military development of the country concerned. Almost invariably, it would; otherwise they would not be negotiating with us.

In such circumstances, we should refuse to trade.

Hamper Them

We might go further. Rather than assist the industrial development of the satellite powers, we should not hamper it—at any rate until they mend their ways about the non-observance of the Peace Treaties?

We could stop sending capital equipment to Eastern Europe. We could refuse to ease their financial troubles as we do at present by buying supplies which they are desperately anxious to sell.

We could seek by commercial means to deny them access to vital materials they need to import. The records of the Ministry of Economic Warfare are rich in examples of techniques which might be used.

No great risk would be involved. Even a blockade is not today counted as an act of war; we have learned that in Berlin. Such measures would be no more aggressive than the Communist-inspired strikes against the Marshall Plan in France and Italy; but they might well be more effective.

In spite of all their threatening words and ruthless deeds, the men in the Kremlin are not having it all their own way, even behind the Iron Curtain. Communism is striking at the three things the peasants of Eastern Europe hold most dear: their religion, their country, and their land. It is on these three loyalties, rather than on any

accorded to civilians in general as is recognised to be right of combatants who are wounded or captured. Taking of hostages, torture, deportation and punishment without proper trial will be outlawed when this new convention is ratified.

The Governments which become signatories will be expected to introduce a special legislation to make it effective. This would mean that those who break its provisions could be apprehended, brought to trial and punished.

The general aim of the Red Cross is to alleviate cruelties of war. During its 85 years of work Britain has always taken a leading part in promoting wherever possible this beneficent humanitarian aim.

vague yearnings for democracy, that their struggle for freedom will be based. It is up to us to give them any support and encouragement that we can in that struggle—certainly as much as the Soviets give to the Communist Parties who are seeking to undermine freedom elsewhere.

Softening-up

The religious issue is, perhaps, one for the Churches rather than for Governments to handle. But, in present circumstances, the Churches may need the aid of propaganda machinery and Government backing to make their voices heard.

For instance, has everything possible been done to make known behind the Iron Curtain the world-wide protests of all sects and creeds against the arrest and sentence of Cardinal Mindszenty?

There have been broadcasts, it is true, but with nothing like the vigour and point that were used when we were countering the infamies of the Nazis.

And why should the bulletins not include advice on the printing of clandestine leaflets, and suitable items for them, read at protests from satellite Governments, the answer is simple—"restore the freedom of your Press, as you are pledged to do under the Peace Treaties, and the broadcasts will stop."

The religious challenge of Communism. But the present drive against the Churches in Eastern Europe is also part of the preparation for a more ruthless offensive in the material sphere.

It is a deliberate act of psychological warfare, a softening-up process, aimed at cutting off the people from the deepest sources of inspiration and hope, so that they may feel too uprooted and broken in spirit to offer any resistance to Communist plans.

It is Communist policy to industrialise Eastern Europe. That means fewer men on the farms, and more factory workers for them to feed.

And yet, according to Mr. Harold Wilson, we are aiding and abetting all this by the continued export of tractors and agricultural equipment to the satellites. We are still permitting this trade, regardless of the fact that it may be paid for in the blood of Balkan peasants.

The strong nationalist feeling of Eastern European peoples is another point to be considered. They have behind them a long tradition of resistance to oppressors—Turks, Czars, Hapsburgs. But patriots in those countries may be prepared to risk their lives by acting against the Cominform want, as a minimum of encouragement, to hear voices from the West saying we wish them well.

Growing Hardships

And it would add weight to what we say if we could point to the growing economic hardships in the nations outside the Western Bloc, and to advantages ready at hand for those who will defy the Kremlin and join us.

Action on these or similar lines would give us a chance to help the peoples of Eastern Europe to regain the liberties now denied to them. It might even, in the long run, contribute towards bringing the Soviets to talk reasonable terms.

If we really mean what we say in our diplomatic protests, if we are not prepared to do so, let us keep our mouths shut lest we be justly accused of hypocrisy.



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No matter how much she may be the apple of Uncle Sam's eye, Aussies refuse to look on Japan as a "most favoured nation."

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"Half the victims of atom bombs can be saved by blood transfusions," says an American surgeon in general. If you're within a half mile of the burst you cannot of course be counted as a victim.

Defeated Germans are now said to have a higher standard of living than the victorious Russians.

It is better to be Marshall than martial.

Millenium When all the earth is molten, And all of the seas are steam, We shall have the "peace of the atom" At present it's just a dream.

Every new mother always asks me this question: "How can I keep my baby's kin in most perfect condition?" You got any airtight systems?

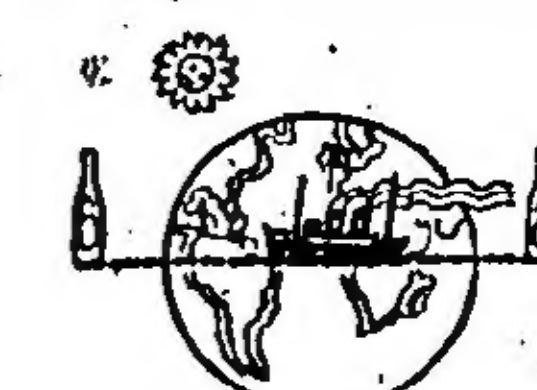
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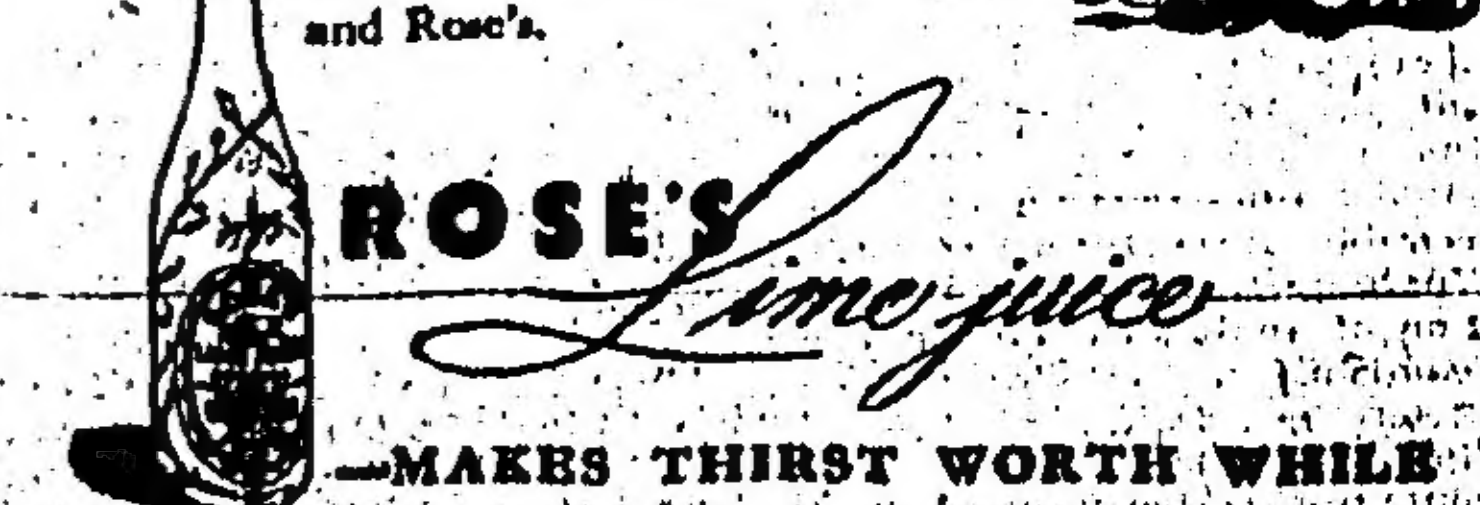


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COMMONS DISCLOSURE ON YANGTSE AFFAIR

Reds Wanted Amethyst To Aid In River Crossing CHURCHILL'S BARRAGE

London, April 26.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee disclosed in Parliament today that the Chinese Communists had been prepared to allow the British sloop Amethyst to get to Nanking on condition that she assisted them to cross the Yangtse River.

"Such a condition was obviously unacceptable," Mr. Attlee commented amid laughter.

These facts, he said, were given by Mr. Edward Youde, Third Secretary of the British Foreign Service, who volunteered to try to reach the Communist forces in the hope of stopping the firing on the British warships.

Mr. Youde, Mr. Attlee said, reached the forward headquarters of the People's Liberation Army in the Pukow area on April 23, thanks to his courage and determination.

"He described the situation as he knew it when he left Nanking on April 21 and pointed out to them the peaceful and humanitarian nature of the mission of Amethyst and requested that she be allowed to proceed to Nanking or Shanghai without further molestation."

Mr. Attlee added "their headquarters took the time that clearance had not been obtained from the People's Liberation Army and that she had entered the war area."

"They also complained of heavy casualties incurred by their troops as a result of fire from British ships. They refused to admit a publication of self-defence."

Fantastic Charges

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, wanted to know how it was that "at this time we have not got in China waters one, if not two aircraft carriers capable of affording protection to our nationals, who might be increasingly involved in peril and misfortune, and capable of affording that protection in the only way which is understood by those attacking, mauling and insulting us, namely, by the effective power of retaliation."

Mr. Churchill, speaking in strong emotional terms, asked this question after Mr. Attlee had told a packed House about the shelling of British warships on the Yangtse recently.

One of the many diplomats who heard both Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill speak was the Chinese Ambassador to London, Dr. Chang Tien-hai.

Mr. Attlee said that with the position still fluid, Britain reserves her position on the Chinese Communist shelling, with heavy casualties, of four British warships in the Yangtse. He dismissed Communist charges that the warships were directly participating in the civil war as "fantastic and unfounded."

Mr. Churchill followed up his question by asking for an assurance that the British Government would face this matter in a robust spirit and make sure that the British flag is respected.

To this Mr. Attlee replied that the situation is still fluid. However, the Government will make a statement later.

Not Warfare

Mr. Churchill then added: "I would like to make it absolutely clear that whatever criticisms we may make on what I might call the unfortunate handling of a difficult situation, this in no way detracts from our resentment at the atrocious outrage of which we have been the victims or our determination to press the Government to take effective steps to make sure that we are treated with respect in future."

In the subsequent barrage of questions, Mr. Attlee said that the Government wants to take every possible step to protect British communities in China. This has to be borne in mind in dealing with the Yangtse incident. At one time no fewer than nine Opposition members rose simultaneously to catch the Speaker's eye for a chance to question the Prime Minister.

To one question Mr. Attlee answered: "I am quite well aware that aircraft are used in warfare but this is not a matter of warfare at all. There is no suggestion of making an attack anywhere at all. We were engaged in the peaceful process of bringing supplies up the River."

He said that he could not make any further statement about protecting the seamen still on Amethyst—stranded up the Yangtse behind the Communist lines—except that all possible steps are being taken. There can be no possible question of apologising to the Communists.

After a clash between the Prime Minister and Mr. Churchill about the responsibility for the orders which sent the British

ships up the Yangtse, Mr. Attlee said with some asperity: "The Commander on the spot took action. I approve his action. I support his action. That does not say that all the time the man on the spot who in the exact conditions should be receiving detailed orders from the Admiralty—there is no question of sheltering behind any commander on the spot."

Questions about air cover and the availability of aircraft followed and the Premier was understood to say, amid some disorder, that no British aircraft are stationed at Shanghai.

Brigadier Anthony Head, Conservative, was saying that the country could draw only one inference from these answers when he was persistently interrupted by Labour cries of "The Tories want war."

Earlier, when he was speaking about the Yangtse incident, Mr. Attlee said that there had been no question of a punitive expedition and the British ships fired only to silence the forces firing against them.

Mr. Attlee added: "British Consular officials in China vainly tried to get in touch with the Communists, both locally and in their North China capital of Peking, to halt the shelling of the British ships trying to rescue the sloop Amethyst."

The cruiser London suffered most severely during the rescue bid and was holed repeatedly in her hull and upper works, he said.

Arabs And Jews To Hold Talks

Lausanne, April 27.

A preparatory Arab-Jewish peace conference will open in Lausanne today but the Arab and Israeli delegations will not negotiate directly at first, UN officials said yesterday.

GBS Plan For Commonwealth

London, April 26. Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the world-famous dramatist and playwright, today suggested that aliens residing permanently in the Commonwealth should, as guest citizens, have the rights of and the responsibilities of the "natives."

In a letter published in the London Times, Mr. Shaw also suggests that the application of this principle in the case of Ireland, and perhaps India, is urgent.

The distinguished dramatist points out that of his 93 years, 70 have been spent in England.—*Reuter.*

PRAGUE PURGE

The Free Czech Information Service here said today that the Czechoslovak Ministry of the Interior has ordered the arrest of all Czechoslovak officers who served in the independent Czechoslovak Army and the Royal Air Force during the war and were dismissed as unreliable after the Communists took power.

It quoted a reliable report which has just reached London for this information and added that the arrests are to be made towards the end of April.—*Reuter.*

Four Britons Still Missing

London, April 26. After the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, had announced in Parliament today that 12 British sailors are missing in the Yangtse River incident, the Admiralty gave the later information that only four men are now unaccounted for.

There is no reason to suppose that they are necessarily dead, an Admiralty spokesman added.—*Reuter.*

U.S. Navy Secretary Resigns

Washington, April 26.

The United States Secretary of the Navy, Mr. John L. Sullivan, resigned today as a protest against the scrapping of the construction of the new 65,000-ton super aircraft carrier, the United States.

A White House statement on Mr. Sullivan's resignation is understood to be in preparation.

Mr. Sullivan is known to have submitted his resignation in a talk yesterday with President Truman.

Mr. Sullivan's resignation had been expected. It is based on his belief that the Navy is not being given proper consideration in the defence policy.

Last Saturday, Mr. Louis Johnson, Defence Secretary, gave orders to stop work on the \$180 million carrier.—*Reuter.*

Cairo, April 26.

Syria today requested (Egypt, The Lebanon, Iraq and Transjordan to send back to Damascus a number of leading Syrian politicians to stand trial for alleged "abuses" under the regime recently overthrown by Colonel Husni Zaimi, the Syrian Commander-in-Chief.—*Reuter.*

Admiralty Tells Story Of Heroes

London, April 26.

Individual acts of heroism and devotion to duty by members of the crew of the British warships involved in last week's Yangtse river shelling, were described in a statement here today by the Admiralty.

A Marine, aged 21, Bernard Maurice Howe, on board the cruiser London, went for 24 hours with only a temporary dressing before asking for medical treatment for a hole right through his shoulder.

His ship-mate, Marine Robert McCarthy, aged 20, had a piece of shrapnel the size of a large cork embedded in his neck but did not seek medical treatment for 24 hours.

The First Lieutenant on board Amethyst Lieutenant G.L. Weston, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, although suffering from dangerous and exceedingly painful shrapnel wounds, refused

Liner Total Wreck On Maiden Voyage

Rio de Janeiro, April 26.

The 17,500-ton Royal Mail liner, Magdalena, today broke in two and began to sink off Rio Harbour a matter of seconds after her crew had abandoned her.

She was homeward bound on her maiden voyage and was insured for £2,000,000. The passengers were taken off yesterday after she had run on a reef.

Official sources said all hopes of saving the liner had been abandoned. Crowds watching from Rio beaches saw the bows of the ship break off and float away about 200 yards from the rest of the hull.

The new luxury liner, badly holed and shipping water, was being towed broadside on into Rio Harbour when her end came. Wireless reports from a tug near the Magdalena said the liner's bow is now half sunk and aground and the stern section, drifting towards the beach, is expected to sink shortly.

The crew of the Magdalena are reported to be safe. Her captain, Mr. D. R. Lee, of Ramsgate, and four other persons, were earlier reported to be still on board the stricken vessel, but left the ship safely some time later.

There was a heavy swell at the time when the vessel was being towed into Rio Harbour, after being refloated this morning from a reef on which she had grounded within sight of Rio.

Earlier official sources told *Reuter*: "The Magdalena's position is extremely difficult."

Big Insurance

In addition to the £2 million insurance on the vessel herself, subsidiary insurances on freight and other interests amount to about £500,000. The Magdalena was launched in May last year at Belfast. She was the first British vessel to be

equipped with air conditioning throughout her passenger accommodation and public rooms. Later reports tonight said the Magdalena is a total wreck, with her bows half submerged and slowly drifting towards the shallows.

Radio calls brought Brazilian naval craft and salvage tugs, the 6,131-ton Brazilian steamer, Gola Coide and several other craft to her assistance.—*Reuter.*

Hong Kong Haven Of Refuge

London, April 26.

The British Government intend to maintain Hong Kong as a peaceful haven of refuge from oppression, as a great centre of trade and as a cultural and educational beacon, Mr. David Rees Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said today.

The colony, he said is the clearing house of commerce and the shop window of democracy in the Far East. Despite its greatly increased population, it is still providing the highest standard of living in the Far East for the general population.

Mr. Rees Williams was welcoming the Hong Kong trade mission to the British Industries Fair at a reception at the Colonial Office.

"The thoughts of all the world are now turned to China. There we see a great people in disorder, great cities in chaos: millions of men, women and children homeless and in want," he said.

"Against this background, we find Hong Kong, a rock and a tiny piece of mainland, a haven of prosperity and peace."

Mr. U. Tat-chee, replying to Mr. Rees Williams' welcome, spoke of the wonderful welcome given last year by the British people to the Hong Kong Mission.

"This year promises to be even more encouraging. We have much to learn from Britain in many fields. I am sure this close contact with the mother country will help us to develop and sustain Hong Kong in these difficult times. We have received much assistance from Government. We know that support we can give now will not only help to develop Hong Kong but render great service to China and world trade."

Among those welcoming the guests was Sir Thomas Lloyd, Permanent Under-Secretary.

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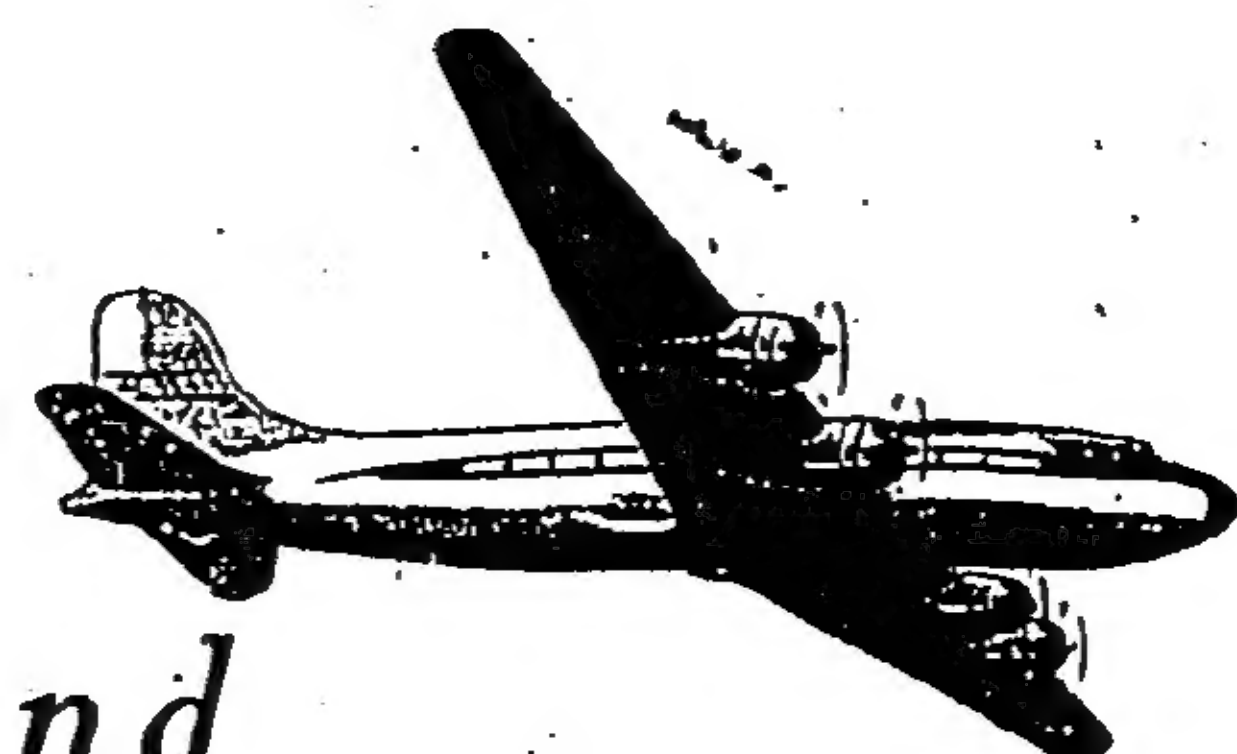
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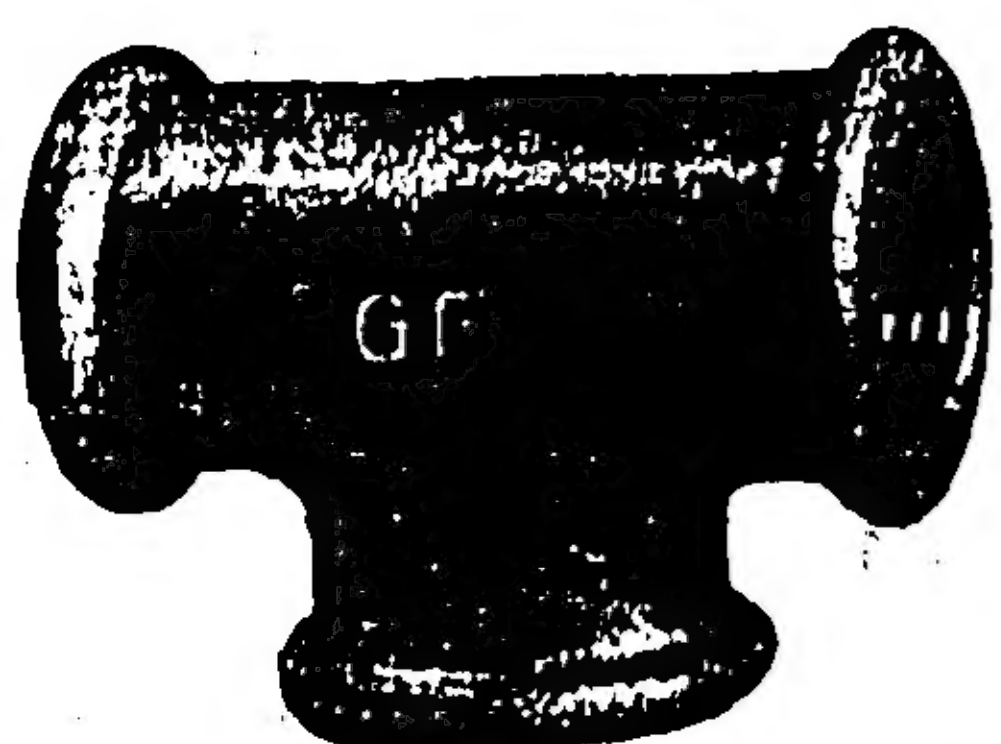
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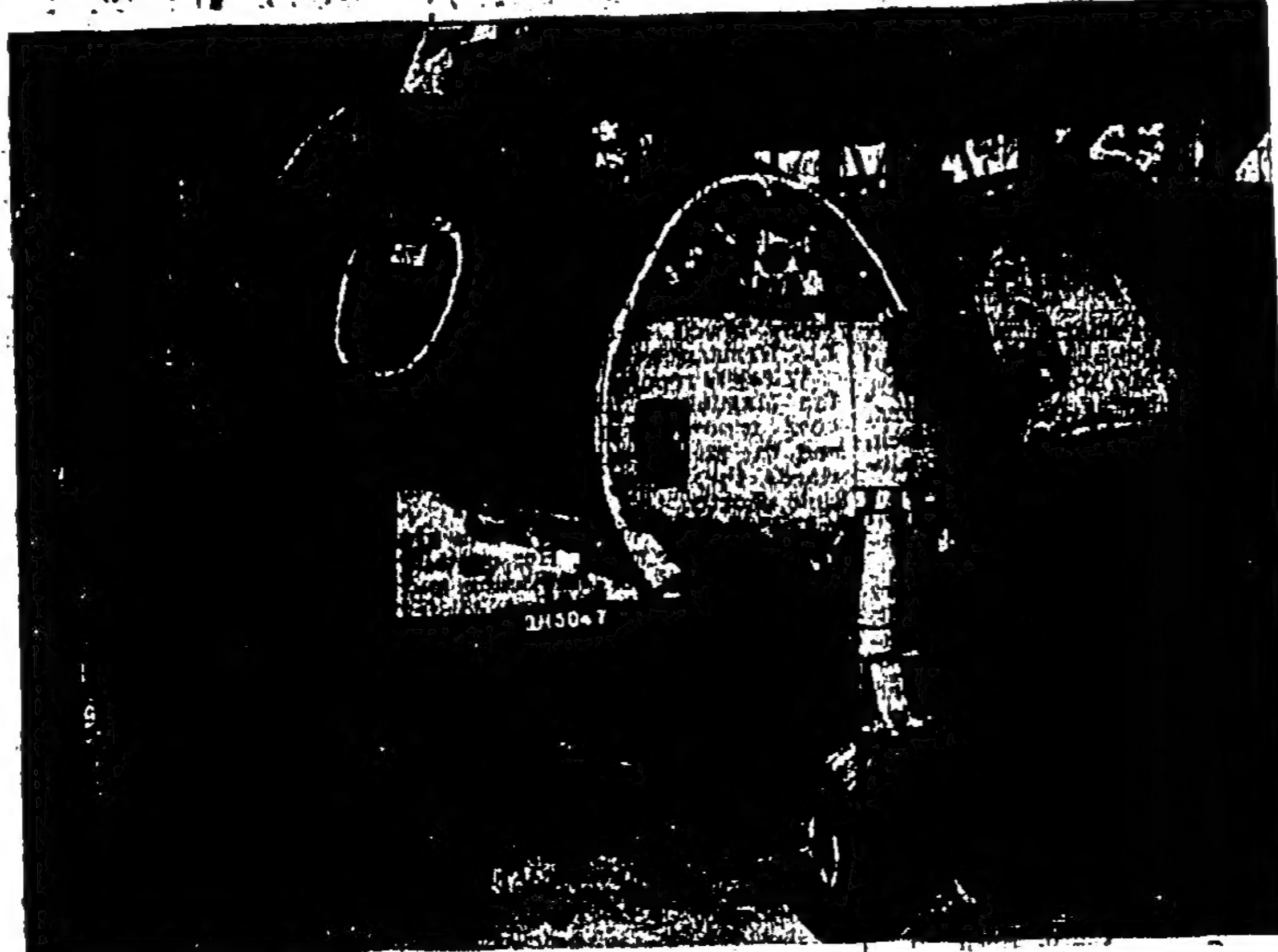
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Vampire Jets In The Making



Production of the first de Havilland Vampire jet fighter, standard fighter aircraft of the Royal Australian Air Force, is well advanced at the Bankstown (New South Wales) plant of the de Havilland Aircraft Company Proprietary Limited. Picture shows work proceeding on the pilot's cockpit and front part of the Vampire. This section is made of laminated wood, glued together under high pressure. The front wheel of the tricycle-type landing gear is in place, and the workman in the cockpit (with head showing) is installing instruments.

TRINIDAD BAUXITE STATION

Carenage, a tiny fishing village West of Port of Spain, Trinidad, will have the largest bauxite transfer point in the world when the American Alcoa Steamship Company U.S. \$6,000,000 project is completed there this year.

The selection of Trinidad for the establishment of the transfer station was made after many sites had been considered in the Caribbean area but Carenage provided a convenient situation near the bauxite mines in Dutch Guiana.

An official of the company said: "I must point out the deep water facilities here and I cannot emphasise too strongly the co-operation rendered by the Trinidad Government. There must be a transfer station because the mines are up shallow rivers and boats cannot get full loads. We must bring the bauxite out to some point and transfer it to the ships. We have found Trinidad the best place."

The company is expected to spend US\$800,000 on labour and equipment and the revenue to Trinidad from customs duty will be US\$150,000.

Preliminary survey for the project was begun in January, 1948 and dredging began a fortnight later. The dredging work, which has cost US\$150,000, is now almost completed.

When completed, the new station will be equipped to unload bauxite ore up to 1,200 tons an hour and load up to 2,000 tons an hour.

Scientific Instruments To Take Spotlight At Next Month's Fair

The visitor to the 1949 British Industries Fair will, immediately on passing through the main entrance to the Fair, be confronted, as in 1948 and 1947, with the exhibit of British scientific instruments.

This fact is symbolic of the place which scientific instruments occupy in modern life, and particularly in modern industrial life.

The scientific instrument is the key tool of industry and one can assess the stature of the industry of any country by the degree to which its scientific instrument industry has been able to design and develop every type of scientific instrument required for all the varied and control which are the life processes of measurement and modern industrial methods.

It will be found that in the relatively short space of three post-war years scientific instrument manufacture in Great Britain has not only recovered from a long period of complete pre-occupation with the production of military instruments, but is now producing not only a greater range of instruments than ever before in its history, but has met all demands for robustness, utility, and precision in a most abundant manner.

The exhibition of scientific instruments, in which the Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Association of Great Britain, Limited, is again co-operating, has in previous years been built around a central exhibit designed to illustrate some particular application of the use of scientific instruments. In 1948, television was the theme of this application, and while this attracted very considerable attention, the central exhibit to be included in the 1949 Fair cannot but arouse the intense interest of every visitor.

Exhibition

By arrangement with the Ministry of Supply an exhibition is being staged which will illustrate the part played by instrumentation in the exploitation of atomic energy. The demonstration is being arranged by the Atomic Energy Station at Harwell, and in its sequence will be of an authoritative and factual nature in which interest and in-

struction will be combined. Around this central exhibit will be grouped the individual displays by those scientific instrument firms which produce electronic instruments and devices, instruments of this nature being the ones most closely associated with the atomic energy project. Around these, again, will be grouped the exhibits of the very varied types of instruments which serve to fulfil the requirements of every branch of science, industry and civil life.

In one sense an exhibition of scientific instruments provides a panorama of current scientific knowledge. The detailed and abstract investigations into the reflection of wireless waves by conducting layers in the upper atmosphere, which received their first major application in the use of radar during the war, are condensed and epitomised in the radar equipment which allows the contours of port installations and the coast surrounding them to be displayed on a cathode-ray tube on the bridge of a ship seeking to enter the port. A study of the phase changes which occur when light is reflected by or transmitted through some medium might not appear to be a very practical or profitable one. The phase-contrast microscope, however, which incorporates principles which have been elucidated as a result of such study, has given the microscopist fresh fields to conquer and has put into the hands of medical research a tool which enables them to obtain knowledge of micro-organisms which will profoundly affect the health and well-being of the community.

The principles of electro-chemistry may seem to be remote from ordinary life, but the pill meter, which is the concrete embodiment of those principles, has, by its use, a most potent influence upon the purity of our food and on the quality and durability of innumerable articles used in every-day life.

Shortages Hamper Building

Although there has been some improvement in the supply of building materials, the development of building technique has once more been governed by shortages.

The past year has seen the end of the temporary housing programme. This programme has been much criticised not only because of its high cost but also because few people believe that the country-wide rash of "prefabs" will really be cleared away at the end of its allotted span of 10 years. Among other criticisms are the dwellers in new permanent houses, who remark on the superior quality of the mechanical equipment in the temporary ones. Of the permanent prefabricated types, at least one has had to be discontinued because of the shortage of steel.

In the materials industry there has been some unhappiness in the brickfields, particularly among the smaller firms, immediately after the war the Government urged all brick-makers to increase production. They did so, and the works were only just beginning to produce to capacity when the Government brought in its programme of capital cuts, and the smaller firms, who produce most of the more expensive types of brick, found themselves in many cases with huge stocks on their hands.

Shortage of steel has again helped the development of light alloys for structural work. The London County Council, which controls all building in the metropolis, has given "conditional" permission for the construction of a building with an aluminium frame. The condition is that the owner shall pull it down if the London County Council should so require within a specified time.

Main Difficulty

The main difficulty facing the authorities, who are responsible for laying down permissible working stresses, is that there are so many aluminium alloys, each with widely differing properties. Prefabricated aluminium roof trusses have been on the market for some time, and examples of them will be seen at the British Industries Fair.

Pre-stressed reinforced concrete is another building development which has recently received some publicity, and which is likely to influence building in the future. This technique, which is already well known in Europe, is being developed by the Ministry of Works, to whom it appeals particularly as a saver of wood and steel. Savings of up to 80 per cent in reinforcing steel can be made as compared with traditional reinforced concrete, but the steel must be of high tensile quality. Although the actual use of this process has so far been confined in Britain to railway sleepers and a bridge at Wigan, several buildings incorporating pre-stressed reinforced concrete are projected. The Ministry of Works has been experimenting for some time with pre-stressed flooring units for housing and pylons for overhead power lines.

In an effort to reduce building costs the Ministry has also sponsored a number of demonstrations of mechanical building plant. These demonstrations have attracted much interest, particularly among the smaller firms, who have in the past been slow to take up modern methods.

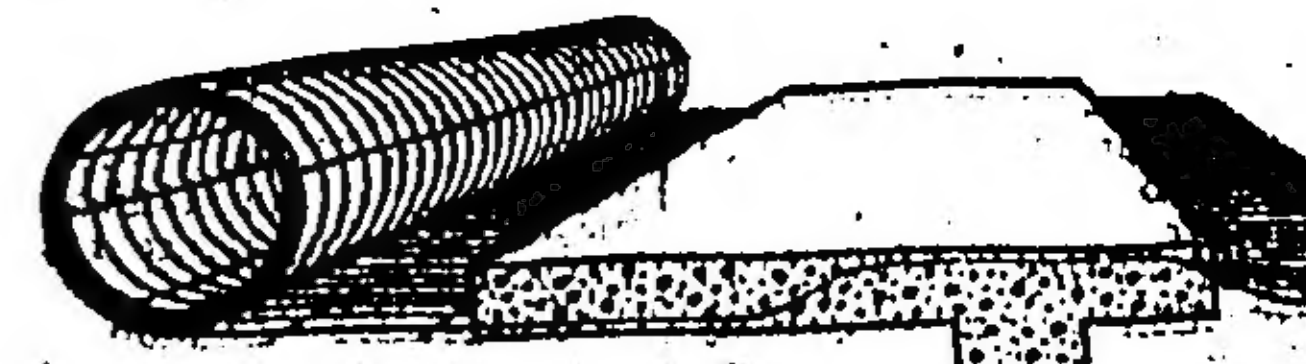
In general, building developments in Britain during 1948 have been confined to making do with available materials and manpower and experimenting with new materials and techniques.



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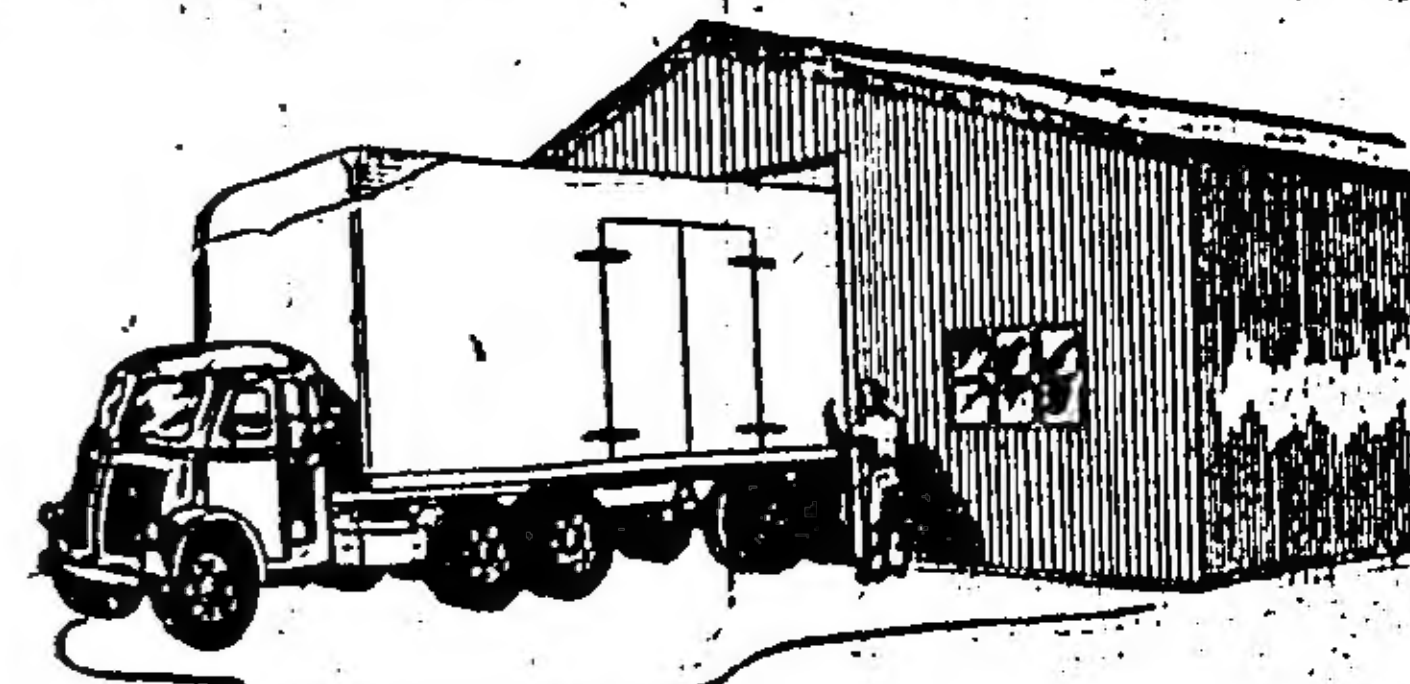
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NEW RESEARCH LABORATORY IN PANAMA

Hong Kong's amateur and professional photographers will benefit shortly from results of experiments being carried out at Panama City, it was learned here yesterday.

The Eastman Kodak Company has opened a new research laboratory in Panama City to study photographic materials under tropical conditions. Dr. Walter Clark is in charge of the research programme there.

The experiments at Panama City fall into two general categories. One is confined to the study of the effect of the tropics on films, plates, papers, cameras, lenses and other photographic equipment.

The second category concerns research on all aspects of photographic practice and the many problems that face photographers in the tropics.

The results of the research will be made available to all photographers who encounter tropical problems.

Far East Defence Measures

New York, April 26. A "Times" editorial today urged the Western powers to take the lead in defence measures in the Far East as they are already doing in Europe.

"What holds good for Western Europe and Germany is also relevant to the free nations of the Pacific and Japan," it said.

"For the Communist advance in China has an even more ominous meaning for these areas than the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia had for Western Europe."

The "Times" said that what has been done in Europe thus far can only be the first steps toward a more comprehensive solution.

"These steps must still be matched with even the beginnings of similar measures in the Pacific area." — United Press.

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New York, April 26. The steamroller offensive of the powerful Red armies in China has created a fresh major crisis in the now not-so cold war of political ideologies.

The Western Powers had scarcely finished signing the Atlantic pact, to halt the Communist drive across Europe, when the Chinese chieftain, Mao Tse-tung, forced the line of the Yangtse. Thus almost overnight the West was confronted with another threat.

The weight of the attack had been shifted from the front defenses to those in the rear. True, the new target in the Orient is much further away than was the drive across Europe. The present danger is less imminent, and in that sense the situation is perhaps not so critical. Time now is with the West, just as it suddenly turned against the Nationalist forces of China.

It is idle to speculate on how much time may be involved in the Chinese conflict. We know that the Communist resources, both military and economic, are great, while the Nationalist Government's resources are terribly weak.

The Nationalists' most powerful defence against the Red forces from the North the Yangtze has been smashed. Their capital of Nanking has been occupied by the enemy, a shocking blow to the morale of the nation.

Zonal Defence

A million and a half Red troops are ready for the drive Southward through China. What other estimate can be made than that the Nationalist situation is desperate? However, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is said to have planned a defence by zones as the Reds advance.

Many of these zones with their troops are in the hands of warlords and if they remain loyal to Chiang, the Nationalist defence might give the Communists a surprise.

Speculation at this time is idle. We shall have to await developments.

What we can see clearly enough is the situation of China, the world's most populous nation, would give Communism a powerful base from which to work in all Asia. Neighbouring India would be the next great nation to come under pressure, and it might be that she would provide

a barrier which Communism could not surmount. The Hindus and Muslims of the Indian peninsula are intensely religious, and Communism and religion cannot be mixed.

In any event, should Communism have a sweeping success in the Orient, the Western nations would be in a Red vice.

British Position

Britain finds herself in an uncomfortable position as the result of the Communist drive.

She has many interests in China, including her big Crown colony of Hong Kong on the South coast. Already a British cruiser, a destroyer and two sloops have been pounded by Communist shore guns with considerable loss of life.

The Admiralty is sending a cruiser to join the Far Eastern Fleet. At present there are two cruisers, eight destroyers and four sloops based at Hong Kong, but they have no air cover.

This is a normal strengthening of forces under the circumstances and it is safe to take it for granted that Britain has every intention of keeping out of trouble if she can.—Associated Press.

DE LA RAMA'S NEW VESSELS

New York, April 27.

The De La Rama Line has placed orders for three Pacific passenger-cargo vessels with the Mitsubishi yards at Nagasaki, Japan.

The liners will each gross 10,000 tons, will be 356 feet long, 65½ feet wide, 41 feet deep and have twin screws, powered by 10,000 horsepower diesel engines.

They are among a group of nine which the American Bureau of Shipping added this month to Japan's shipbuilding schedule, and bring the total under schedule to 15.—United Press.

Top Priority For Europe Arms Aid

Washington, April 26.

The United States will give top priority in arms shipments to her Atlantic Pact Allies to weapons needed to neutralise any Soviet blitz of Western Europe.

United States Government officials, drafting legislation for \$1,130 million in arms shipments for Western Europe, say the weapons most urgently needed are American armour and anti-tank weapons.

Lending American military strategists believe that with United States help, Western Europe can withstand any invasion by Russia. The plan now is to make the existing European land, sea and air forces more effective rather than to build up new units.

The needs of the 11 Pact Allies of the United States are listed in this order: (1) American arms, (2) Spare parts for existing transport, communications and other military equipment. (3) Raw materials to stimulate domestic production.

An unspecified number of Army, Navy and Air Force tech-

nicians will be sent overseas to supervise the use of American equipment and to help standardise training and administration.

The goal of the Atlantic Pact powers abroad is described as the creation of a "community army" patterned on the Swiss armed forces.

Mr. James Reston, diplomatic correspondent of the "New York Times," said the first objective is to deter the Russians from making war.

The second is to hold a second front open somewhere on the Continent so that, in the event of an armed attack, the power of the West can immediately be brought to the Continent.

And, third, which will take years, is to make Western Europe and North America strong enough to repel an armed attack before Russia overruns Western Europe.—Reuter.



Regiments of tanks and armour are often called "cavalry." Misleading, Captain Victor Shany would say. Commanding the 776th Horse Troop, United States Army, at Schweinfurt, Germany, he's a diehard supporter of the indispensability of the horse in a modern army. Here men of the second and third platoons of the 776th Horse Troop sit their mounts prior to duty drill. This last horse troop in the U. S. cavalry uses a former Luftwaffe airfield as a practice ground. AP Photo.

Royal Couple Moving Into A "Dream House"

London, April 26.

Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and their baby son, Prince Charles, will move into their new London home, Clarence House, at the end of May after months of delay and disappointment, it was officially announced today.

Their home was to be ready by January, but building material shortages delayed the work. They will have a London home of their own for the first time after 18 months of married life.

Their move from Buckingham Palace is to take place after their return from a visit to North Ireland, planned for May 25 and 26. Their household secretaries and about 20 servants will take up quarters here this week while the Princess and the Duke are touring North Wales.

When the Royal couple moves it will revive the traditions that passed from the beautifully-appointed mansion in 1942 when its owner, the Duke of Connaught, died and all its contents were sold.

A Government grant of £50,000 has been spent on modernising the four-storey house, which was badly damaged during the war. Work has been going on for more than a year.

The house was built in 1825 for the Duke of Clarence, afterwards King William IV, and was occupied later by Queen Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent. It became the bride home of the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's sailor son, in 1794, when he brought to London his Russian wife, Marie, the only daughter of Czar Alexander II. Then it was for 61 years the London home of the Duke of Connaught. Later the Red Cross and St. John Organisation directed its overseas war work from the mansion.

All Modern

Clarence House is now a "dream" home. The interior decoration and furniture is a combination of old and new. Most of the furniture is antique. Many of the pieces the Royal couple received as wedding presents. The soft furnishings are all modern. The couple has turned some of the best rooms on the ground

Should Be Rammed Down Their Throats

Washington, April 26.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters today that a State Department protest should be rammed down the throats of the Chinese Communists who invaded the American Embassy at Nanking.

(A State Department statement yesterday said that 12 Chinese Communist soldiers violated the Embassy and entered the Ambassador's bedroom during the night).

Senator Connally added: "It's a serious affront. They have got to learn to respect United States' rights and property. We have got to take a firm stand in this matter." —Reuter.

American Communists On China

New York, April 26.

The flag of China flew next to the American flag outside United States Communist Party headquarters today while Communist Party leaders hailed the "liberation of Nanking."

William Z. Foster, Chairman of the National Committee of the United States Communist Party, and Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Party, said the capture of the Chinese capital is "a milestone in the liberation of the Far East from its foreign and native oppressors."

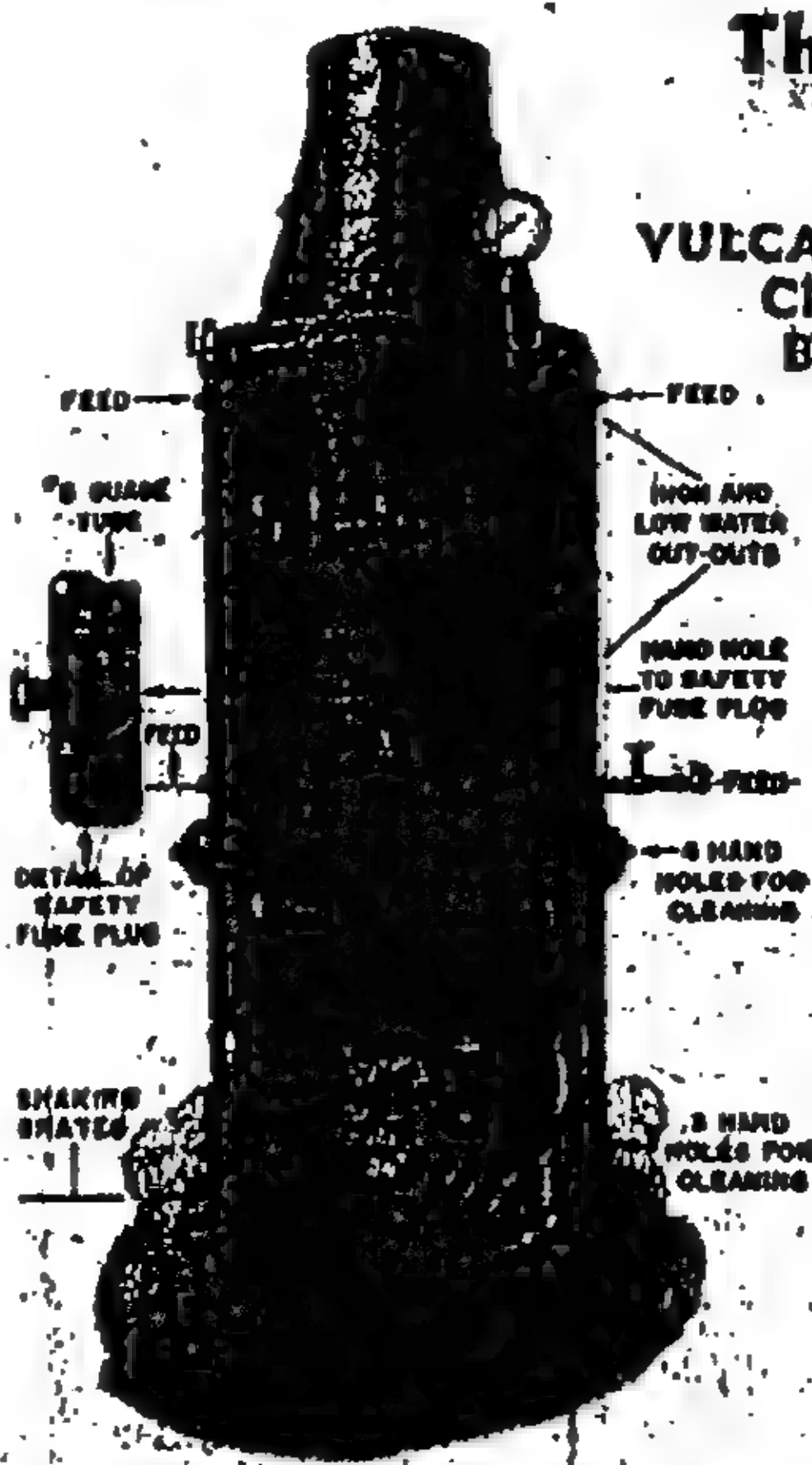
"The Imperialists' dream of dominating China and converting it into a huge war base, from which to attack the Soviet Union and to throttle the national freedom movements of all Asia, has been blasted," they declared.—Reuter.

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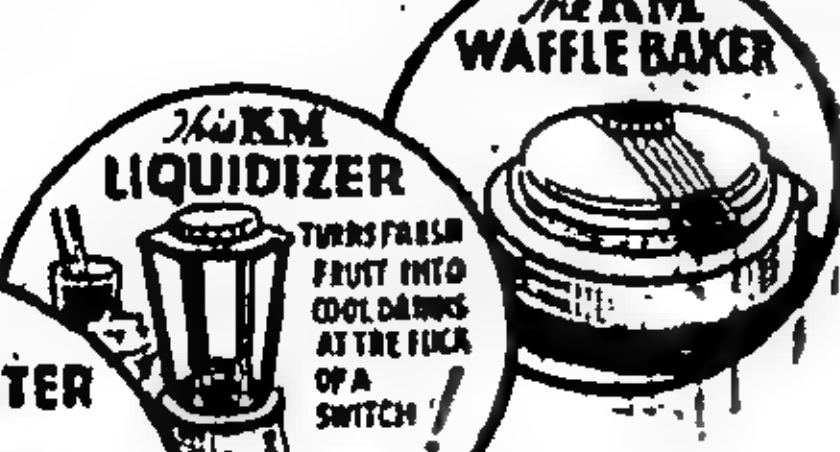
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Syria Closes The Border

Damascus, April 26.
Colonel Huseini El Zaim,
Syrian Prime Minister, today
closed the Syrian-Transjor-
dan frontier because of what
was described as aggressive
measures.

The Colonel ordered the re-
cruiting of troops to "face
every menace."

The Colonel intends to
make the Syrian Army the
second greatest force in the
Middle East after Turkey.

Syria is apparently ready
to oppose by all means
formation of any "Greater
Syria" or "Fertile Crescent"
scheme, including Iraq,
Transjordan and Syria.—
Reuter.

RULE BY ITALY PRAISED

Lake Success, April 26.
Signor Alberto Turchini,
Italian Ambassador to the Uni-
ted States, spoke today in the
United Nations Political Commit-
tee on the future of Italy's
former African colonies.

Praising Italy's efforts for the
native populations of those areas,
he declared that in Libya, Italy
had been responsible for an in-
dustrial and economic revolution
of great importance to the local
population.

Under Italian administration
Libya's population had reached
living standards never previously
attained. Hospital, dispensaries
and medical services had been
provided free and educational
facilities extended greatly.

In Eritrea the native popula-
tion had increased from 200,000
to 1,600,000 under Italian ad-
ministration.

Signor Turchini said that even
the Fascist regime, despite its
many grave errors, had not been
so black as it had been painted.
It had abolished wide measures
of self-government introduced by
democratic Italy; regimes 30
years ago but it had retained
many others. Local chiefs, ad-
vised by native councils, had
wide powers.

He went on to say that Italy
had elaborate plans to further
the progress of territories which
might be entrusted to her. Italy
was ready to carry on in Africa
her work of civilisation and
progress in the spirit of the
trusteeship system and in con-
formity with the Charter of the
United Nations.—Reuter.

MUTES ARRESTED IN JAPAN

Tokyo, April 27.
Police in the Takunawa dis-
trict of Tokyo yesterday arrested
four mutes on a robbery charge.
One of the mute members of
the gang is still at large, accord-
ing to the police.

The police believe that the
gang committed more than 20
robberies with loot totalling more
than 1,000,000 yen in value.—
Reuter.

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Washington, April 27.
The United States cut off the flow of American aid
cotton to Shanghai yesterday in expectation
that China's great port city will be taken over
by Communist armies at will.

Seventeen cotton-laden ships bound for Shanghai
were ordered diverted to Japan.
Shipments of U. S. rice which for months have help-
ed feed Shanghai's teeming millions are con-
tinuing, but it is uncertain for how long.

Economic Co-operation Admini-
stration officials said deliveries of
food and other supplies to Shang-
hai will cease automatically when
the Communists take over.

Congress ordered that the re-
maining US\$54,000,000 of China
aid funds should be used only in
non-Communist areas.

The diverted cotton cargoes
were originally destined for tex-
tile mills in cities near Shanghai
which now have fallen to the
advancing Communists.

ECA officials said mills inside
Shanghai itself can continue oper-
ation for some time with stocks
of raw cotton on hand. They are
hopeful that suspension of fur-
ther shipments will not arouse
Chinese resentment which might
increase the uncertainties of
Americans remaining in the city.

Orders Suspended
Only a few hours before the
ECA announcement, the North
China Communist raid de-
manded that the U. S. and
other foreign powers withdraw
all their armed forces from
China.

American Naval force at Tsing-
tao in North China have been
ready to leave on a few hours
notice for weeks. They were
there at the invitation of the to-
ttering Nationalist Government,
largely for training purposes.

U. S. Naval vessels at Shanghai
have already been moved out of
the Whangpoo River beyond the
range of any shore-based artil-
lery.

SLAV MISSION ACCUSED

Berlin, April 26.
The Political Bureau of the
Communist-led Socialist Unity
Party in Berlin today officially
accused the Yugoslav Military
Mission here of being "an agent
of American imperialism and
spreading Trotskyist propaganda."

The charges were made in an
announcement that two Berlin
members of the Party have been
expelled for "Trotskyist activity."

The announcement said one of
the expelled members, Herr Wolf-
gang Leonard, had distributed
Trotskyist propaganda for the
Yugoslav Mission in Berlin, and
had been paid with Yugoslav
cigarettes and food.

"Thus it is proved that the
Yugoslav Mission in Berlin is de-
veloping Trotskyist activity in the
Soviet Zone and thus disturbing
democratic reconstruction," the
Political Bureau stated.

"The Mission has sunk to the
level of an agent of American im-
perialism."—Reuter.

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Chinese Gold Withdrawal

Washington, April 27.
China withdrew \$1,749,594
in gold from the United
States during the first week
of April, the Census Bureau
reported today.

It was the first gold with-
drawal by China since
February 1947 when \$14,000,
000 was taken out.—Associated
Press.

PRAGUE 'PEACE' CONGRESS ENDS

Prague, April 26.
The meeting of the delegates
to the Paris World Congress of
Peace, who were denied visas for
France and held an "overflow"
Congress here, ended early today
after a reading of the peace
manifesto adopted by the main
Congress in Paris.

Academician Kuo Mo-jo, leader
of the delegation from North
China, which was not allowed
to go to Paris, told the Congress:
"As soon as peace is restored to
China, it will be secure all over
the Far East."

The Prague Congress ended
with a mass rally.—Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN CANADA

Ottawa, April 26.
Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Cana-
dian Prime Minister, announced
today that the Canadian Parlia-
ment will be dissolved next
week-end and a general election
held as soon as possible.—
Reuter.

SHANGHAI HAS NO NEWS OF THE WAR

Shanghai, April 27.
News about China's civil war is conspicuously lack-
ing from this morning's Shanghai newspapers.
The English-language "China Daily Tribune" and
"China Press" each carried one small story
which was carefully attributed to the semi-
official Central News Agency.

The "China Press" gave it a
war banner and about one third
column type. The "Tribune"
boxed a shorter story and buried
it at the bottom of the first page.
The British-owned "North
China Daily News" did not even
publish. The paper was suspended
for three days for printing
"untrue" stories about the war in
the April 25 edition.

As a result of the untrue stories
two foreign correspondents and a
couple of editors were called be-
fore garrison officials. The cor-
respondents were Reuters' Gran-
ham Jenkins and International
News George Vine. Vine is also
assistant editor of the "North
China Daily News."

Vines and Jenkins were held
overnight and released shortly
after 11 p.m. yesterday.

Soon after the pair were
picked up, the garrison head-
quarters issued an order that
only war news released by the
Garrison through Central News
can be published.

Death Penalty
The papers are howling to the
line and so far the majority of
correspondents. They do not
want to be found guilty of
"rumour-mongering" which, un-
der the provisions of the martial
law now in force, is punishable
by a firing squad.

Two Chinese "rumour-mongers"
—two newspapermen—were shot
two days ago for spreading false
information.

Another thing which is limit-
ing activities of newspapermen in
Shanghai is the 10 p.m. curfew
which was effective on the night
of April 25, when the curfew was
declared. Curfew passers which
most newspapermen held were de-
clared invalid.

Now it is almost impossible to
get copy to cable offices after 10
p.m. And staffs of local morning
papers must get their papers made
up early so they can get home
before the curfew.—Associated
Press.

PRINCESS' TOUR OF ITALY

London, April — 25.
Major Thomas Harvey, Private
Secretary to Queen Elizabeth,
who will act as escort to Prin-
cess Margaret on her Italian
tour, left London Airport today
for Naples, a day in advance of
the Princess.

He will prepare the reception
of Princess Margaret at Naples
Airport.—Reuter.

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JOHNNY HAZARD
By FRANK ROBBINS

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TO BE GOOD.
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"ISINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 3rd May
"FOCHOW"	Incheon & Tientsin	5 p.m. 3rd May
"NEUCHWANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	7 a.m. 8th May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 10th May

ARRIVALS FROM

"VOCHOW"	Borneo & Fochow	29th Apr.
"FOCHOW"	Japan	3/4th May
"SHENGKING"	Tientsin, Pusan & Shanghai	4th May
"NEUCHWANG"	Shanghai	6/7th May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 7th May

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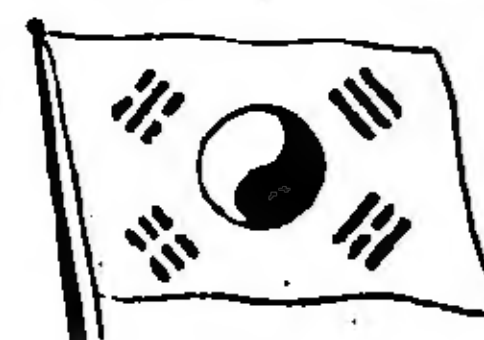
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AS A MILITARY BASELONDON'S
BURIED
TREASURE

It's now or never for British archaeologists probing the secrets of ancient London.

They are appealing for £50,000 to finance a rush job on 2,000 years of history uncovered by German bombs. They must do it before a new London rises on the ruins.

The Luftwaffe blasted to bits the modern buildings that stood over 50 acres of what formerly was the old 350-acre walled city. Before the new steel and concrete giants go up—and their massive foundations drive deep into the precious, rock-filled soil—archaeologists must dig feverishly.

The rebuilding starts, they say, London's buried treasure will be lost.

Steel grabs will smash delicate medieval pottery. Workers' picks will destroy crumbling traces of the Roman Wall that shielded the

By ARTHUR W. WHITE

Legions of Emperor Claudius from barbarous Britons. What survives of Roman London, now is buried 12 to 18 feet below the surface.

The history-seekers are racing against time. Reconstruction cannot be delayed. London's future depends upon it.

For the search organisation, the Roman and Medieval Excavation Council, help is short as well as money. The archaeologists want to increase their paid digging staff from 10 to 50. They want scores more volunteer student workers, British or foreign. Several groups of American and Dutch students have helped since the war.

The £50,000 the Council seeks is in addition to £3,000 already given by the Government and £2,500 from private donors. The Council hopes American dollars will swell the fund.

Boss of the excavators is keen-eyed Mr. William F. Grimes, Director of London Museum.

"In the last two years," he says proudly, "We've made more discoveries than in the previous 50. Walls, pottery, bones, coins, implements of all kinds. The boners gave us the opportunity. We must not waste it."

The city in the world ever had a better chance to trace its history. Our aim is to cross-trench every blitz-site."

Main search is in the area East of St. Paul's Cathedral where acres were flattened by blast and fire. This region was the centre of Roman London.

In spite of 19 centuries of recorded existence, the capital's history is still a large extent unwritten. Mr. Grimes says lots of questions need answers.

Was London's story continuous? What was life like in the prosperous Roman days around A.D. 122 when it had a forum, basilica, statues, shops and markets? What happened after the Legionnaires left? What of the Dark Ages and Saxon days? What traces remain of London's two great calamities—the plague in 1665 and the fire the following year?

Many clues lie in the chalk, gravel and sticky clay on which London is built. A fascinating serial is there, layer upon layer.

Excavators at Cripplegate are digging carefully into the old city ditch—filled in about 1640—which ran outside the massive wall. It was a wet and stinking moat into which citizens tossed everything they didn't want.

The old-time rubbish is priceless now.

Pottery and bone implements abound. The Saxon strain gave up a valuable bronze pendant. Medieval pottery found included a whistle in the shape of a jester's head. Filled with water and blown, it warbles like a bird.

In one place, diggers found the ashes of a house burned down in the great fire of 1666. Ten feet above, on the surface, were the ashes of another fire—the raging flames of Hitler's 1941 blitz.

Some of the 16th and 17th century pottery discovered was imported from Germany. There was Hessian table ware of 1620

Taipei, April 27.

The necessity of developing Taiwan as a military base in the "world's Democratic camp" because of its importance in any over-all anti-Communist plan was stressed by an authoritative source here in an interview with Reuter.

Saying that Taiwan would be a real asset to the Democratic group of world nations, the source recalled that the Japanese had made it one of their main military bases during World War II.

This was so because Taiwan possessed good airfields and good harbours and, for propaganda purposes, there were powerful radio broadcasting stations. Taiwan still has all these things.

The source said that while Communists are active in most South East Asian countries, Taiwan is as yet untouched by Communism. In view of all these favourable conditions, it added, it is puzzling that Taiwan is not being considered in terms of an Asian anti-Communist bastion in South East Asia.

The island could today be better developed than the South Sea Islands because, unlike these islands, she is not being harassed by Communist activity. One result of this freedom from Communist influence, the source said, is that Taiwan was, for instance, producing very much more sugar than the South Sea Islands.

Taiwan also has a considerable rice acreage and with two harvests a year it is able to earmark a large part of it for export without harming home consumption. Furthermore, Taiwan has coal, timber and camphur resources which are being allowed to lie dormant, while the fishing industry could be a potent factor in the country's economy if it were possible to develop it properly.

U.S. Aid

"These products are essential both in times of peace and war and Taiwan has enough of them to ensure continuous supplies for the outside world," the source said.

In return Taiwan needs some essential imports, including fertilisers. "It also has need of technical experts."

Speaking about America's aid programme, the official expressed the opinion that in its world-wide allocations the United States Government should readjust its distribution of supplies to the "Democratic camp" according to their needs and production capacity.

Emphasising that Taiwan is one of the biggest islands in the Pacific Ocean and that it is strategically located in the centre of the South East Asia line of defence, the source said that while waiting for its incorporation into any Asian anti-Communist bloc Taiwan is, at the same time, quite aware of its own immediate responsibilities.

It has to ensure a stable and reasonable standard of living so that the masses of the people will remain immune to Communist influence. Taiwan is doing this to its best ability not only because it is the right and logical thing to do but also because it feels that this is one of the things the democratic countries of the world expect of Taiwan if it is to be included in any ultimate anti-Communist bloc in Asia."—Reuter.

1951 And All This

By JOHN HALL

Look forward to a Britain that wears a smile—a London that has gone Continental with floodlighting, fountains, open-air cafes and music, provincial cities gay, with new paint, towns ablaze with bunting, reveals on the village greens.

This will be the great Festival of Britain, which will run from May 1 to September 30, will be a 30-acre site in the heart of London on the South bank of the Thames between Waterloo and Westminster bridges.

Bulldozers, cranes, and shovels are working there now, clearing a jumble of waterfront warehouses and rows of mean streets.

Pile-drivers are laying the foundations of a new embankment that will step over and hide the tidal mudflats, replace the gaunt rubbish chutes with symmetrical stonework.

Before the war 1,500 Londoners lived in the sooty squalor of the South Bank site, with pub, factories, and workshops for neighbours. They are being rehoused.

and a 1550 Siegburg drinking mug from the Rhineland. Early Londoners paid for the imports with wool.

Boar bones and the jaw of a monster pike came from the deeply-buried remains of a 10th-century hut. The hut was on the exposed edge of the city ditch, the poor wretch who lived there probably was an outcast, maybe a leper.

Modern Londoners are flocking to the excavations, enchanted by the ancestral story unfolding at their feet. Men-time crowns guzz tipsy mouths as bearded professors tenderly scrape their grimy finds. A blackened walnut or centuries-old dog's skull is enough to raise a cheer.

London's kids have fun, too. One archaeologist arrived for work to find pile of freshly-turned earth in his trench. Underneath was an old shoe.

Just so he'd know it was a genuine relic, tied to it was a label bearing the owner's name: Julius Seeser (Cueser).

Everyone in

While all this will be concentrated on the Thames-side site, the activities will spread across Britain. Every community has been asked to arrange special events to mark the festival and to incorporate and amplify for that year events such as the Edinburgh Festival, the Welsh National Eisteddfod, and the British Industries Fair.

Travelling exhibitions will carry a breath of the London show round the country for stay-at-homes to see, and for overseas visitors there are to be round-Britain tours so that they can take in all phases of the festival and see how we live and how we rejoice.

Centenary Year

Why shall we be rejoicing in 1951? Primarily it is the centenary year of the great 1851 Exhibition, which was an outstanding success, gave the nation the Crystal Palace among other things, and made a packet of money.

Coupled with the centenary it was felt that most people will be in need of a little self-boost by 1951 and that it will encourage us all to go gay. Since much of the work beside the Thames in part of an LCC improvement schemes the costs will be small and the planners are convinced that the Festival will pay for itself in tourist traffic alone.

It will not be anything like the 1924 Wembley Exhibition—which was a great success, but lost more than £1,600,000—but there will be an amusement park and all the fun of the fair somewhere close to the central site.

ss. Shengking
From Shanghai

Arrivals by the ss. Shengking yesterday from Shanghai included Mr. Peter Verrall, Mr. H. Rice, Dr. Robert Briggs Watson, Miss A. Alexander, Miss C. E. Mottu, Mr. H. P. Karanjia, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dye and Mr. and Mrs. R. MacNeil.

The Shengking left Shanghai on April 23 and visited Keelung before coming down here. She brought about 300 tons of general cargo from Shanghai and about 70 tons from Keelung.

She had 181 Chinese passengers, of whom 161 were from Shanghai. According to the comrade, only four Chinese passengers were known to have booked passage for Shanghai yesterday. The Shengking is due to leave for the Northern metropolis tomorrow.

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SEALING SHIP
CRUSHED

St. John's Newfoundland, April 26.

The 174-ton Newfoundland sealing vessel, Winifred, was crushed by ice and sank off Northern Newfoundland and took the first casualty of this year's sealing season.—Reuter.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 7.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. (GPO) 7 a.m. 9.30 a.m. Noon, 2 p.m. Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 27/4.

(Ord.) 8 a.m. 27/4.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Kunming and Luchow: Airmail for Amoy and Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Kowloon and Guangzhou: Airmail for Swatow and Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Hollow and Pakhoi via Hollow, 10 a.m. Japan, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 2 p.m.

Amoy and Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 5 p.m.

Tramkong (via Canton), 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Hollow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Tientsin: Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Hongkong, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Baguio, Amoy, Shanghai and Tientsin: Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei: Airmail for Kunming and Calcutta, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Saloon, 10 a.m.



PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL S.N. CO.

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

OUTWARDS LEAVES LONDON DUE HONGKONG

"CANTON" 18th May 18th June
"CORFU" 2nd June 4th July
"CANTON" 20th June 1st August
"CORFU" 28th July 28th August
"CANTON" 28th August 28th September
Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

HOMEWARDS LEAVES HONGKONG DUE LONDON

"CANTON" 18th May 18th June
"CORFU" 8th June 11th July
"CANTON" 8th July 8th August
"CORFU" 2nd August 2nd September
"CANTON" 28th September 28th October
Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"BOCOTRA" due 3rd May from London & Continent.
sails 12th May for London & Continent via Straits, Colombo, Genoa & Marseilles.

"SHILLONG" due 19th May from London & Continent.
sails 22nd May for Japan.

"TRESILLIAN" due 24th May from London & Continent.
sails 26th May for London & Continent via Straits, Colombo & Genoa.

"SHILLONG" sails mid June

* Fitted with tanks for the carriage of all in bulk.

BRITISH INDIA S.N. CO., LTD.

"TAIRA" (Apar Line) due 28th Apr. from Calcutta via Straits.
sails 30th Apr. for Japan & Amoy.

"RANGOLA" (Apar Line) due 6th May from Calcutta via Straits.
sails 12th May for Straits & Calcutta.

"SHIRALA" (Apar Line) due 6th May from Calcutta via Straits.
sails 11th May for Japan & Amoy.

"TAIRA" (Apar Line) due 22nd May from Calcutta & Hongkong via Straits.
sails 25th May

"SHIRANA" (Apar Line) due 23rd May from Calcutta via Straits.
sails 25th May for Japan.

* These ships have Refrigerated Cargo spaces.

P&O/B.I. JOINT SERVICE

"TREWELLARD" due 11th May from Japan.
sails 13th May for Straits, Bombay & Karachi.

"IKAUANA" due 29th May from Calcutta via Straits.
sails 4th June for Straits, Bombay & Karachi.

"RICHMOND HILL" due 7th June from India.
sails 10th June for Straits, Bombay & Karachi.

* Accept cargo on through bills of lading for Persian Gulf Ports.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co., Ltd.

"EASTERN" in port.
loads 29th/30th Apr. for Manila, Rabaul, Port Moresby, Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide.

"NELLORE" due 29th Apr. from Australia.
sails end May for Manila, Rabaul & Australian Ports.

* Accepts cargo on through bills of lading for NEW ZEALAND & FIJI ISLANDS PORTS.

For full particulars apply to:

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Telephone Nos. 27721-4.

The SWEDISH EAST ASIA Co., Ltd.

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE

M.V. TAMARA 18th May
M.V. OLUF MAERSK 27th May

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

M.V. HALLAND Loading 12th May
M.V. TAMARA Early June

For

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

JAVA-CHINA SERVICE		
Arrivals		Sailings
"TUTJALENGKA"	From Shanghai & Amoy 28th April	to Javaports & Macassar 20th April
"TUTJADANE"	From Macassar & Javaports 28th April	to Shanghai & Amoy 28th April
"TUTJADAK"	From Macassar & Javaports 13th May	to Shanghai & Amoy 14th May

HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE		
Arrivals		Sailings
"TASMAN"	From Manila & Amoy 28th May	to Manila & Amoy 3rd May

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE		
Arrivals		Sailings
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	From B. Deli & Straits 20th May	to Straits & B. Deli 28th May
"VAN HEUTS"	From B. Deli & Straits 28th April	to Straits & B. Deli 7th May

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE		
Arrivals		Sailings
"BOISSEvain"	From Japan 30th April	TO EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA 3rd May

"STRAAT SOENDA"		
Arrivals		Sailings
"STRAAT SOENDA"	From Japan 21st May	TO EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA 24th May

"TEGELBERG"		
Arrivals		Sailings
"TEGELBERG"	From SOUTH AMERICA & SOUTH AFRICA 7th June	TO EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA 22nd June

"TUKAMPER"		
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Struggle To Control Far Eastern Unions

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The short session merely indicated that buyers are adopting a wait-and-see attitude.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:

4% Loan 103 1/2

3 1/2% Loan (1944 & 1945) 102 1/2

3 1/2% Loan (1948) 102 1/2

BANKS:

H.K. & S. Bank 102 1/2

Chartered Bank 102 1/2

Merchants Bank A. & S. 102 1/2

Bank of East Asia 102 1/2

INSURANCE:

Canton Ins. 102 1/2

Union Ins. 102 1/2

China Underwriters Co. 102 1/2

H.K. Fire Ins. 102 1/2

SHIPPING:

Doehlers 27 1/2

H.K. & S. Steamboat 17 1/2

Indo China (Port.) 10 1/2

Shells (Steam) 10 1/2

Union Waterways 10 1/2

Asia Nav. 10 1/2

DICKS, WHARVES, GODOWN, Etc.

H.K. & S. Wharves 10 1/2

North Point Wharves 10 1/2

Shanghai Hongkong Wharves 10 1/2

H.K. Docks 10 1/2

China Dockyards 10 1/2

Shanghai Dockyards 10 1/2

Wharves 10 1/2

MINING:

Yankee Mines 10 1/2

H.K. Mines 10 1/2

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Washington, April 26.

Although the Chinese civil war now overshadows other events in Asia, there is another struggle there which will play an increasingly important part in the Far East—in labour unions.

Communists and anti-Communists are in a contest to help organise and direct Asia's comparatively young labour movement.

These efforts are underlined by the two international meetings.

The Federation of Trade Unions has announced plans for an Asian regional meeting; the date, however, has not been announced.

Non-Communist labour representatives are to gather in India on May 6 to discuss formation of a Federation of Labour.

Delegates will gather from India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Burma, Indonesia, Iran and China. At least one observer, and possibly two, will be on hand from the United States.

The most unionised country in the Far East is Japan. It is not known whether Japanese trade unionists will be represented at the Indian (Indian) meeting.

Last month Japan's "Labour Liaison Council" was informed that it had been accepted as a WFTU member and was invited to attend the world conference in Milan on June 29.

On the basis of information available here, there is a labour union movement of some kind in most Far Eastern countries, usually divided ideologically into Communist and non-Communist.

India has three major organisations: the Congress Party which claims over 1,000,000 members and is anti-Communist; the Communist-dominated India Trade Union Congress and the Socialist-dominated Hind Mazdoor Sabha.

The last claims a membership of 500,000.—United Press.

London, April 27.

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Notice To Consignees

S.S. "ANDREW JACKSON"

Having arrived Hong Kong, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on May 2, 1949, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEN & CO., Agents, Telephone 34177-9.

Notice To Consignees

Consignees For S.S. "BENNYVIS"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on April 28, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 29, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 15th May, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD., Agents, Hong Kong, April 28, 1949.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 27.

Moderate buying pushed the stock market a little upward yesterday. The advance was far from decisive. Most stocks however, showed gains of fractions around a point.

Transfers totalled 570,000 shares. Among miners were

